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Digital eye deters proxy attendance

Monitoring app introduced as pilot project in East Jaintia Hills district of Meghalaya, is making many government-appointed teachers resurface

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

The school was familiar, but the teachers were not. Something was wrong, Clive Suchiang thought, after visiting the Saipung Secondary School, in East Jaintia Hills district, a few days ago. It took some asking around for the social activist to find out that things, for a change, were right.

"Some of the teachers I knew seemed to have been replaced overnight. Then I learnt these strangers were the real teachers appointed by the government long ago. They only turned up for duty recently because of a new digital attendance system," he said.

The "teachers" he was acquainted with turned out to have been "appointed" by the genuine teachers for a fraction of their monthly pay, to take classes on their behalf while they pursued other work, ran businesses, or simply stayed home.

Saipung is one of the remotest areas of the 2,040 sq.km district, one of 11 in the State. With its rounded hills and abandoned mines, the East Jaintia Hills were once the hub of Meghalaya's rat-hole coal mining banned by the National Green Tribunal in April 2014.

Positive impact: The digital attendance system for teachers has already led to an increase in the attendance of students. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

However, accessibility and proximity to Khliehriat, the district headquarters, was no insurance against the problem of proxy teachers and absenteeism in many of the district's lower primary, upper primary, and secondary schools.

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Bengal SEC moves SC against order to use Central forces

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

The West Bengal State Election Commission (WBSEC) on Saturday moved the Supreme Court against the Calcutta High Court order directing deployment of Central forces in the State, following violence in the run-up to panchayat polls.

Six persons, including a Trinamool Congress candidate, have been killed in the State since the announcement of panchayat elections on June 9.

The High Court on June 15 directed that Central forces be deployed in all districts of the State within 48 hours of the order.

The decision to move the top court is contrary to the remarks made by State Election Commissioner Rajiva Sinha that he will comply with the orders of the High Court. On Friday, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee raised questions on the deployment of Central forces and pointed out that though such forces had been sent to Manipur, violence had not ended.

Keeping watch: Police personnel stand guard at violence-hit areas in South 24 Parganas on Saturday. PTI

Opposition parties raised questions on the WBSEC decision, particularly when the High Court said the cost of deployment would be borne by the Centre. During the day, Governor C.V. Ananda Bose visited Canning in South 24 Parganas district, which was affected by violence during the filing of nominations. He met some people who alleged that they were not allowed to file nomination papers. "In some places I have visited there seems to be deterioration in democracy...I do not want to generalise as I have visited only a few places," he said.

In continuing violence in the State, a Trinamool Congress gram panchayat head was beaten to death at Kaliachak in Malda district on Saturday. The victim, Mustafa Sheikh, was also a candidate for the upcoming polls. Minister and Malda MLA Sabina Yeasmin said a faction of Trinamool leaders who were denied tickets to contest the panchayat polls and later joined the Congress was behind the murder.

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The State government on Saturday ordered revision in the content of Kannada and Social Science textbooks of Classes VI to X, with 18 major changes. » Page 4

Road accidents on the rise in city

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An analysis of accidents on the city roads over the past three years — 2020, 2021, and 2022 — shows that the number of accidents in 2022 has risen by 120, compared to 2020.

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Quiet reverence: The Balapadiyya temple, one of the oldest shrines in the Nilgiris, is an important place of worship for the Irula tribes of Anaikatti. The temple is located deep inside the Mudumalai tiger reserve.

Sacred spaces

For the tribal groups of the Nilgiris, the gods are closely associated with nature; hills, stones, rock shelters, waterbodies and groves hold a spiritual significance

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When you live in the bowels of nature, as the tribal groups in the Nilgiris district of Tamil Nadu do, religion takes on a tangible form. The deities and gods are associated with hills, stones, waterbodies and groves. Rock shelters and megalithic monuments such as dolmens, menhirs, cairn circles and draw well cairns are the abode of deities.

Many tribes live from the Upper Nilgiris to the slopes and plains of the lower Nilgiris. The Todas, the Kotas, the Kurumbas and the Irulas, each have their unique way of worship.

Take this for example: a *Thiv Mana*, which translates as God's house, is a thatched hut that is cleaned every day, and a lamp is lit in the evening. Some sacred items are kept here and, once every year, taken for ceremonies in a temple deep in the forest. Some like the Mullu Kurumbas allocate a centrally located hut within the hamlet for their deities.

A Kurumba priest explained the significance of a pond known as *gangithai*. The water from the pond is considered sacred and used to clean the Sedikkal tribal village's Madappa temple.

The Todas and the Kotas have their temples in the Upper Nilgiris. The main temple of the Todas is at Muthanadmund near Udhagamandalam. The conical temple called *Moonboo* is the place where all the members of the clan gather at the end of the year or the New Year. The festival begins with dance. Only the priest enters the *Moonboo*. Toda buffalo milk is used for the purposes of the temple, the ghee made from the milk is used to light lamps.

For the Kotas, the main god and goddess are Ayyanor and Ammanor. At Solur Kokkal village, a grand temple festival is held once in two years.

Holy drops: A tribal man drinks water from the Gangabasavakal temple pond, considered sacred by the Irulas, inside the Mudumalai tiger reserve near Siyur tribal village.

Harmony with nature: A temple inside the Mudumalai tiger reserve. Rituals are held here annually.

Down to earth: The Iramasiamma temple of the Irulas near Basavakal.

Road accidents on the rise in city; overspeeding, infra issues blamed

This is despite a nearly 25% increase in enforcement of traffic norms; the number of cases booked for the first time crossed a crore in 2022

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

An analysis of accidents on the city roads over the past three years – 2020, 2021, and 2022 – shows that the number of accidents in 2022 has risen by 120, compared to 2020, even as the number of fatalities has shot up by 115 during the same period. The number of pedestrians killed has also shot up from 164 in 2020 to 247 in 2022. This is despite a nearly 25% increase in the enforcement of traffic norms in the city – the number of cases booked for the first time crossed a crore in 2022.

Bengaluru Traffic Police attributed the rise in the number of accidents and fatalities to a low base effect in 2020 and 2021, when during most parts of the year the city was under multiple lockdowns due to the pandemic.

Awareness about rules

M.N. Anucheth, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), said the report helps them glean insights on the measures to be taken to make the streets safer. "For instance, the analysis shows that nearly 45% of the deceased have only high school level education. This indicates that they need more awareness about rules in a simpler format, which we are now working on," he said.

The analysis also shows men are more likely to be victims of accidents than women. "On average, in the last three years, 600 males and 94 females became accident victims. Men in the 21 to 40 age group and women in the 31 to 50 age group were the majority of the victims," the analysis said. This indicates men, especially in the age group of 21 - 40 years, are likely to drive rashly and overspeed, another area of focus for BTP.

The data show that on average, 163 people are killed in self-accidents every year, which can be easily avoided.

Among them on average, 161 were men and only 3 were women. "Self-accidents can easily be averted by ensuring that the vehicle is maintained in good condition and by following defensive driving techniques, wearing a safety seat belt and protective headgear as the case may be, and by considerably reducing the speed of the vehicle during rainy and stormy weather," the report said.

The vehicles that were damaged in accidents on the Benglauru-Mysuru Expressway kept in Ramanagara. FILE PHOTO

However, traffic expert Prof. M.N. Srihari said the accident analysis report did not dwell on the larger picture as to why accidents are on the rise on the city's streets. He said as the vehicle population was increasing by manifolds, the road infrastructure available in the city was limited and even what was available was being unscientifically used.

"Nearly 60% of the streets are narrow with no scope for widening. Of the 298 major roads in and around the city that need to be widened, only 10% of them have been widened till now," he said.

"A large number of accidents take place due to lack of motorable space and impediments on the roads, mainly encroached by parking," he said.

However, the three-year accident analysis report by BTP claims accidents due to defects or impediments on the roads came down from 38 in 2020 to 18 in 2022. He blamed the bad condition of footpaths and lack of pedestrian facilities, which force pedestrians to use the motorway, for the higher number of pedestrians getting killed on the city's streets.

He blamed the city's civic body Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike for the increasing number of accidents on the city's roads and said as an enforcement agency BTP could do little.

Two-wheelers the most deadly

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The analysis of accidents over the past three years, has expectedly shown that riding two-wheelers are the most deadly on the city's streets. This may also be because two-wheelers are over 60% of the city's vehicle population too.

Of the 772 fatalities in 2022, 431 (55%) were two-wheeler riders, and 289 persons who caused the accident (37%) were two-wheeler riders. A quarter of the pedestrian deaths were caused by two-wheelers.

While among 431 two-wheeler riders who were killed, 112 were not wearing helmets, 319 were wearing helmets, raising questions about the effectiveness of wearing helmets in protecting lives.

"Many people wear helmets only to avoid being penalised by the traffic police and not for their own safety. They wear half helmets and low-quality helmets which clearly as the data shows do not protect their lives. BTP is working with NIMHANS to study the kind of head injuries people suffer in accidents and the best use of helmets," M.N. Anucheth, Joint Commissioner (Traffic) said appealing to people to wear ISI-certified helmets that offered sufficient protection to their heads.

Mounting toll

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

	2020	2021	2022
Number of cases booked	83,83,737	93,05,857	1,04,49,571

ACCIDENT CASES

Total fatalities	657	651	772
Deceased riding two-wheeler	412	404	431
Accused riding two-wheelers	309	250	289
Accused riding LMVs	128	163	191

PEDESTRIAN DEATHS

Total pedestrian deaths	164	161	247
While crossing the road at a specified place	82	30	44
While crossing the road at an unspecified place	45	69	108
Caused by two-wheelers	52	47	64
Caused by three- wheelers	17	10	16
Caused by four- wheelers	39	45	61

HELMETS

Head injuries	465	482	543
Deaths of riders not wearing helmets	103	113	112
Deaths of riders who were wearing helmets	309	291	319

ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY BUSES

BMTC	27	27	33
KSRTC	8	7	15
Private buses	9	12	21
Total	44	46	69

KSRTC website crashes, draws passengers' ire

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The website and mobile application of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) malfunctioned in the last two days making bookings difficult, several complained. While netizens attributed it to the Shakti scheme, the KSRTC said its servers had crashed due to a technical issue that it has since been rectified.

Nikhil Sharma, a passenger in Bengaluru said, "After I reserved the seats using the KSRTC app while making the payment, I got a message that the transaction had failed. I tried multiple payment modes, but the result was the same."

Another passenger, Pavithra Suresh, said, "I tried to log in at least 10 times but the site was not responding. I had to book tickets on a private bus." A KSRTC official said, "The crashing was not due to the Shakti scheme. There are few non-premium services available for pre-booking on the site. We have rectified the issue now."

More women on pilgrimage

After the Shakti scheme was launched, the number of women travelling to pilgrimage sites has reportedly increased. According to KSRTC, the prominent destinations are Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Chikkamagaluru, Dharmasthala, Kukke Shri Subrahmanya Swami Temple, Hornadu, Sringeri, Gokarna, and Udupi.

"We have noticed an uptick in occupancy of buses in the last four days," said an official.

Elderly woman dies in accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 70-year-old woman pedestrian was killed after a truck knocked her down at Kengeri on Thursday. The deceased, Lakshmamma, was crossing the road when the truck coming from Bidadi ran over her legs. The police have registered a case of death due to negligence against the driver.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

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2	J-E-26-2023-24-W	**Feroke -** improvements to illumination and power supply arrangements in connection with development of stations under Amrit Bharat Service Scheme - Electrical arrangements	72,26,829/-	11/07/2023 11:00 hrs

Complete details & Tender Document will be available at **http://www.ireps.gov.in** Corrigendum if any; will be notified in website only and it will not be published in newspaper.

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BBMP resumes SWD anti-encroachment drive in Mahadevapura zone

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) resumed the storm-water drain encroachment clearance drive in the Mahadevapura zone on Saturday. This comes amidst monsoons hitting the State.

The anti-encroachment drive was paused temporarily due to the Assembly elections and has now been restarted, said officials. In a press release, BBMP said it had cleared three encroachments around the Spice Garden of Munnenkollala village, including two sheds and a 20-metre-long road built on the drain, using two earthmovers and the requisite security of police personnel. A 200-metre long compound wall near Muneshwara temple has also been cleared.

According to Basavaraj Kabade, chief engineer, (SWD), BBMP, clearance operations will be conducted on Panathur and Doddanekundi in Mahadevapura zone from Monday.

BBMP takes up a demolition drive against encroachment of the rajakaluve at Spice Garden Layout near Marathahalli in Mahadevapura zone in Bengaluru on Saturday.

Three held for robbing student

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a swift action, the Byadarahalli police on Saturday arrested three persons who robbed an engineering student within two hours of the incident.

The victim from a city-based engineering college returned from trekking and booked a van to go to Veerabhadreshwara temple near PES college to watch the sunrise. However, they got the destination wrong. While walking towards the temple, the men riding two bikes confronted them around 2.50 am, threatened him with lethal weapons and took away their phones and cash ₹3,500 before fleeing.

The victim managed to call the emergency response 112 and reported the matter.

A red alert was sounded, the police swung into action, and based on the physical description and the technical evidence, they tracked down the men and recovered the phones, lethal weapons and bikes used for the crime.

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Indian Railways hereby requests relatives / next of kin of the deceased involved in the recent train accident on 02.06.2023 at Bahanaga Bazar, District - Balasore (Odisha) involving 12841 Shalimar - MGR Chennai Central Coromandel Express and 12864 SMVB Howrah Express to come forward and give their DNA samples to establish their identity and relationship with the deceased to claim the unidentified bodies.

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High on the hills: A conical structure called *Moonbo* is the main temple of the Todas. Members of the clan at the *Moonbo* at Muthanad Mund near Udhagamandalam.

From local to mainstream: This house is dedicated to local gods and deities at Koppaiyur tribal village near Solurmattam. But mainstream imagery of Hindu gods and goddesses is making its presence on the wall.

Play, pray: The Sulakkarai Mariamma temple in Naddur tribal village near Solurmattam is patronised by Irula tribes. The temple is more modern than other structures.

Guardian gods: The Ayyanor and Ammanor temple of the Kota tribes at Solur Kokkal village. The structure reflects the relative affluence of the tribe.

Panel will draw up a road map for city in 6 months: DKS

Issues such as garbage, water crisis, traffic, public transportation, and road infrastructure figure at a meeting with multiple stakeholders of the city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A committee of prominent stakeholders and officials will prepare a blueprint for the city's development in the next six months, which will guide the incumbent government in developing and governing the city, said Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

He was speaking after a meeting with multiple stakeholders of the city to chalk out a road map for Bengaluru's development. A total of 42 experts and various stakeholders, including members of the city's industry bodies, CEOs and elected representatives of the city participated in the closed-door meeting at Vidhana Soudha.

Mr. Shivakumar said this was only the first in a series of meetings. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw of Biocon, Infosys co-founder Kris Gopalakrishnan, Revathy Ashok, CEO of B.PAC team, urbanist V. Ravichandar and others participated in the meeting.

"I have taken suggestions and inputs from them regarding the development of the city. Next week, I will consult the public and then only we will form a committee where officials and stakeholders will submit a blueprint and masterplan in the next six months," Mr. Shivakumar told mediapersons after the meeting.

Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar speaking to R.K. Mishra, co-founder, YULU Bike; Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, executive chairperson of Biocon; Prashanth Prakash, partner at Accel; and Geetanjali Kirloskar, MD, Kirloskar Systems Pvt. Ltd, at the Vidhana Soudha. K. MURALI KUMAR

Issues such as garbage, water crisis, traffic, public transportation, road infrastructure and concern for nature and ecology dominated discussions. One of those in the meeting told *The Hindu* that many individuals opined that there should be governance reforms to fix the city.

"A few individuals brought up issues related to them like developers groups listed issues such as TDR, road widening, traffic etc. Many suggested measures like Carpooling, and improving public transport such as bus and metro to reduce the traffic," he added.

Mr. Shivakumar said there were suggestions to convert NICE Road into a ring road, to speed up work on the Peripheral Ring Road, and suburban rail, build a network of elevated corridors, and a network of tunnel roads in the city among others.

"We need to chalk out our projects based on the economic situation of the State. Some suggestions, I agree with. We will definitely prioritise Peripheral Ring Road," he said, adding, a key factor to decongesting Bengaluru was to focus on tier 2 and 3 cities and create jobs locally in these cities.

Task Force

When quizzed about the decision on forming a Bengaluru Task Force "to invigorate the tech city's infrastructure", he said a decision on that would be taken only after consultation with the citizens of the city. This comes after his earlier announcement of a task force drew the ire of many, as being "elitist".

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CM writes to Centre on establishment of AIIMS in Raichur

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BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has written to Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya urging him to set up All-India Institute of Medical Sciences in Raichur.

Being one of the aspirational districts of the country, Raichur has lower health, education level, and per capita income than other regions. The area is at a geographical disadvantage since it experiences extreme weather conditions. "Such disadvantages have put Raichur in dire need of robust medical institutions," the Chief Minister said. The establishment of AIIMS would ensure world-class facilities in the region, he added. "There is a growing demand from people and representatives for seeing this proposal to fruition. Kalyana Karnataka is one of our top priorities," the Chief Minister wrote. He has requested the Union Minister to instruct the authorities concerned to take action on the matter. Minor Irrigation, and Science and Technology Minister N.S. Boseraju recently wrote to the Chief Minister urging him to push the proposal on setting up AIIMS in Raichur.

Godown storing foreign cigarettes raided

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Continuing the crackdown on foreign tobacco products, the Central Crime Branch officials on Saturday raided a godown in Upparpet and seized ₹14.9 lakh worth of foreign braned cigarettes.

Based on a tip-off, officials raided the godown and seized 4,650 packets. Police suspect that the accused are part of an interstate foreign brand cigarette smuggling racket and investigations are on.

The owner of the godown and people involved in the illegal storage of these cigarettes have been booked under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003, as it is illegal to sell foreign brand cigarettes which do not carry the statutory warning, posing a health hazard.

In a similar incident, the police raided two shops in Tilak Nagar and booked the owner for selling fake apparel under international brand names. The police seized ₹5 lakh worth apparels and booked the owners.

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Govt. orders 18 key changes in textbooks; 15 lessons added after dropping old ones

Lessons on K.B. Hedgewar and V.D. Savarkar are now out of the textbooks; revisions to be sent to all schools as corrigendum

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government on Saturday ordered revision in the content of Kannada and Social Science textbooks of Classes VI to X, with 18 major changes, including 15 replacements of lessons. The Congress, ahead of the elections, had promised to undo some of the changes made in the textbooks during the previous BJP regime if voted to power.

A file photo of teachers sorting textbooks ahead of the reopening of the Government Higher Primary School in Mangaluru.

With this, textbook committee has brought back most of the components put in place by a panel headed by Baragur Ramachandrappa between 2013 and 2018

Among the significant changes announced by the Karnataka Textbook Society are replacing RSS founder K.B. Hedgewar's 'Nijavada Adarsha Purusha Yaragabeku' with 'Sukumara Swamiya Kathe' by Shivakotyacharya in Class X Kannada textbook and 'Kalavannu Geddavaru' by K.T. Gatti on Hindutva ideologue V.D. Savarkar with 'Blood Group' by Vijayamala Ranganath in Class VIII Kannada textbook.

Other changes include replacing 'Bhoo Kailasa', a play by Parampalli Narasimha Aithal, with 'Magalige Bareda Patra', a translation of Jawaharlal Nehru's letter to Indira Gandhi, in Class VIII Kannada textbook. Shatavadhani R. Ganesh's 'Shreshta Bharatiya Chintanegalu' has been replaced with Sara Aboobacker's 'Yudha' in Class X Kannada textbook.

A prose piece by Hindutva proponent Chakravarthy Sulibele, 'Taayi Bharatiya Amara Putraru', has been dropped without any replacement in the Class X Kannada textbook. The lesson 'Savitribai Phule' by H.S. Anupama has been added to the Class VII Kannada textbook instead of Ramanandacharya's 'Saamajika Kalakaliya Modala Shikshaki'.

In Social Science

Tweaks and changes in the Social Science curriculum have been made, such as the inclusion of the lessons 'Culture of Vedic Period' and 'Rise of new Religions' and a component on human rights in the Class VI textbook. They have also added components on the Wadiyar kings, Sir M. Visvesvaraya, and Sir Mirza Ismail in the lesson on princely States and components on 'Women Social Reformers' and 'Women Freedom Fighters' in Class VII Social Science textbook.

On linguistic pride

Interestingly, in a lesson in the Class X textbook, changes have been made on how "regionalism" and "linguistic pride" have been defined. Sentences that say that linguistic pride and regional pride are inimical to the idea of nationalism have been dropped.

With these changes, the textbook committee has brought back most of the components put in place by a committee headed by writer Baragur Ramachandrappa between 2013 and 2018 when the Congress government was in power. After the BJP government came to power in 2019, it tweaked textbooks to introduce several lessons on Hindutva ideologues through a committee headed by Rohith Chakrathirtha.

Numbers restricted

While the government had earlier said that there would be 45 changes in textbooks, the number of changes has been restricted keeping in mind the possible confusion it can create among students who have already received the textbooks. The revisions would be sent to all schools as corrigendum, and the changes would also be announced on the department's website, said the government's order.

KSFC targets to sanction loans of ₹1,100 cr. in FY24

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Financial Corporation (KSFC) will sanction loans to the tune of ₹1,100 crore in fiscal 2024, as against ₹ 901.1 crore a year ago, said Ekroop Caur, managing director of the corporation.

In FY23, the corporation posted a consolidated profit after tax of ₹107.31 crore. During the period, it recovered outstanding loans of ₹763.71 crore, which included interest income of ₹295.64 crore. In the fiscal, the net NPAs reduced to 3.51% from previous year's 4.74%.

"Concerted efforts will be made to achieve our target and improve the working results of the corporation. We will also focus on further reduction in NPAs and increase operating profits," she said.

The cumulative sanctions of the corporation since inception in 1958 was ₹19,680.73 crore to 1,75,833 enterprises while it reported a cumulative recovery of ₹20,023.64 crore as on March 31, 2023.

Anna Bhagya: Rice available in Chhattisgarh, but State govt. worried over high transportation cost

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday said that around 1.5 lakh tonnes of rice was available with Chhattisgarh which Karnataka could buy for its Anna Bhagya scheme, but the transportation cost would be high.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Minister for Food and Civil Supplies K.H. Muniyappa, and Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma at a meeting on the Anna Bhagya scheme in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The Chief Minister told media persons here that he had spoken to Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, but there was no rice available in that State.

Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma would be talking to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy to find out about availability of rice in that State, he said.

Mr. Siddaramaiah has decided to hold one more meeting to decide on the purchase of rice from other States and implementation of the scheme.

With the Food Corporation of India (FCI) declining to sell additional rice to Karnataka to start the Anna Bhagya scheme of the Congress government – providing 10 kg of free rice per person per month to BPL families and Antyodaya card holders – the State is on the lookout for other sources for procurement. The government has said that the FCI had earlier promised to supply rice, but later declined.

The Chief Minister said that the Centre has been "playing politics" with the free rice distribution scheme, fearing its popularity, and described it as an attempt to "scuttle" the scheme. Meanwhile, the FCI has justified its decision not to sell rice to the State arguing that the decision was not "deliberate" and was only part of its effort at controlling retail inflation in foodgrains.

Presently, the State government is providing 5 kg of rice supplied by the Centre. Under the new scheme, 2.28 lakh tonnes of rice is required per month to provide 10 kg of rice per head to eligible people.

BJP's charge

Responding to BJP MLA B.Y. Vijayendra's charge that despite the availability of rice in Karnataka the Congress government was purchasing it from other States for commission, Mr. Siddaramaiah shot back, "Let them help the government procure rice if it is available in the State." The BJP has said that it would launch an agitation if the free rice scheme was not implemented from July 1 as promised.

Kasaragod school row: Teacher told to demonstrate Kannada proficiency

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a twist to the tale of a teacher who only knew Malayalam being appointed to a Kannada-medium school in Kasaragod district of Kerala, she has now been asked to demonstrate her Kannada proficiency in a classroom on Monday in the presence of Education Department officials.

The teacher, who has been appointed to teach Social Studies, had been sent back by the school authorities on June 3 after protests by students over her lack of Kannada language skills. The appointment in the Government Higher Secondary Kannada Medium School at Adoor in Kasaragod district had raised tensions and the issue had been temporarily resolved with police intervention. The matter had then been taken up by the Kannada and Culture Department and the Karnataka Border Area Development Authority, which shot off a letter in protest against the appointment of non-Kannada teachers in Kannada-medium schools in Kasaragod district that shares border with Karnataka.

A teacher who only knew Malayalam was appointed to a Kannada-medium school to teach Social Studies

Others pitching in

The authority's member-secretary Prakash Mattihalli told *The Hindu* that the teacher, who had been sent off on June 3 returned to rejoin the school on Friday. "Though she has certificates in Kannada proficiency, she was unable to communicate when she joined earlier. She has been asked to prove her Kannada proficiency on Monday in a classroom setting," he said. For now, in the absence of a Social Studies teacher, the official said other teachers in the school had stepped in to teach the subject.

Such appointments are not new in the district. The Karnataka government has repeatedly raised the issue with the Kerala government in the past. Last year, Karnataka had even complained to the Assistant Commissioner of Linguistic Minorities, Southern Zone of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, over the issue after which Kerala said that non-Kannada speaking teachers are to be avoided from being posted to Kannada-medium schools.

Minister's letter

Meanwhile, Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj S. Tangadagi has written to Kerala Education Minister K. Sivan Kutty, drawing attention to the February 2023, meeting of Kannada Border Area Development Authority officials with Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan where the issues of Kasaragod Kannadigas, including teacher appointments, had been raised. He has urged the Kerala government to appoint a Kannada-speaking teacher to the school at the earliest since it is a sensitive matter.

Power tariff hike: Trade and industry body calls for Karnataka bandh on June 22

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

The Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), which had earlier given a seven-day ultimatum to the State government to reconsider the power tariff hike, has now, along with other bodies of industries, called for Karnataka bandh on June 22 to pressure the government.

In a press release, the KCCI said that after due consultation with various trade and business organisations, it had been decided to close trade and industry for a day on June 22. "This is in protest against abnormal price hike in the electricity charges by Escoms," the release said. District chambers, including those of Gadag, Vijayapura, Ranebennur, Raichur, Vijayanagara, Mysuru, Davangere, Koppal, Bagalkot, Dharwad, Bidar, Shivamogga, Kolar, Mandya, Chikkamagaluru, Yadgir, Chitradurga, Haveri, Hassan, and Ballari and other industry associations had agreed to join the agitation.

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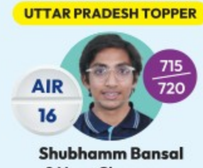
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SC ADIDRAVIDA 28/B.E., Central Govt. Job (ICF) Railways, Rs. 60,000 pm, seeks bride. Contact: 95141 73518

MUDALIAR GROOM, First Marriage, 45, 5ft 7inch, BE – ECE, Bangalore. 9886493369, Brokers Excuse.

BRAHACHARANAM HARITHAM Aswini 4, Age25, M.Tech, working in Bangalore Rs.80,000/- 180cm/Fair - Father - Iyer - -Mother Iyengar preferred working Iyer / Iyengar Girl with professional Qualification Ct: JANARTHANAN - 94430 38904-94870 43734

33, AYILYAM, ICWAI, MBA(IIM), MANAGER, SCHINDU, Seeks Beautiful Bride with Ragu/ KethuChennai: 9677266232

SAIVA PILLAI Visagam Thulam 27 BE MS Abroad, Seeks Suitable Working Good Looking Graduate Girl 8903634579

SOZHIYA VELLALAR Punarpoosam 32 BE MBA Sr.Mgr Nationalized Bank 18LPA.seeks suitable Girl 6374577357

B.E., MBA-IIM, Rajakula Agamudayar, Servai, 97 born/180cm, Punarpoosam, Madurai, 16L pa, Only Son, Father Professor seeks suitable Bride from same caste only. Ct: 9842103232

MUDALIAR 47/180 Remarriage BBA Business Chennai seeks suitable Bride without issue.Geetham 9884858014

HINDU VALLUVAR 24/180 anusham Doctor B.S.,M.S own clinic and construction business seeks suitable bride Contact: 9443075704

HINDU DEVENDIRA kula vellalar M.E., 29/168 Asst. Engg. in PWD seeks suitable bride 88257 93743, 8667380725

HINDU NAIDU 31, BE/MS 170cm Working in MNC, Income 170000/– Seeks Suitable Bride 9710093999 / 8939691888

HINDU SAIVA Pillai, Tall ,Teetotaller Innocent divorcee 33Yrs ,M.S (U.S) ,I.T Professional in Chennai, Seeks an Educated Girl with Good Family background & who Values Family Traditions & Culture. Ct: 9444961520

M4 VEG boy 41yrs CHN, gd lkg veg hmly girl from any state/Lang. Contact at : – 9941288955 , 9962239877.

TAMIL

TAMIL YADAVA B.E 45 Bharani Program Manager well settled in U.S Divorcee No Issues Seeks Good Looking Bride below 40 years Unmarried / Divorcee from an Decent Educated Family Same Caste Prefered. Ct 9790828408

TAMIL IYER, Bharatwajam, Pooram, 42, ACA, ACMA, ACS, working in Canada, first marriage looking for educated girl below 33, Email with horoscope and photo @ braman1951@yahoo.co.in,

HINDU KONGU Vellala Gounder 36/183 Sadayam, MBA Job &Business 30L P.A. Working Chennai Upper Middle Class. Suitable Girl any Degree & Any Caste in B.C. Whatsapp: 9360323979

HINDU NADAR Groom 44 Divorce VIP Bride Wanted. Contact: W.App: 90940 17196, 6385 200 346

HINDU PILLAI AGE 36yrs, 177cm, Ayilyam Nakshatra, Kadagam Rashi, BE, Sal 40000 PM, seeks unmarried/ widow/Divorces Bride preferably without issues, Willing to relocate brides native, Caste No Bar Ct: 9444664627

HINDU NADAR, 39/185, M.Tech (IIT Madras), Principal Engineer (Chip Design) in an MNC in Bangalore, eggetarian, seeks educated, never married, suitable bride (upto 36 yrs). Veg/eggetarians preferred (Caste No Bar). Ct: 9840117920.

1970, CIVIL Engineer Chennai, 2nd marriage well Settled. Seeks Bride from good family. Ct: 98400 49518

AGAMUDAYAR, 30yrs / 172cm, B.E., Pooradam, Fair, Software Engineer, 31 Lakhs PA seeks SWE / BE / Dr Bride. Ph: 8508099103

HINDU DKV Pallan Age 41/167cm Manager Nationalised Bank, Salary 14 Lakhs PA, Wanted Suitable Bride. Ct 9965211259.

SENGUNTHAR, 38 /165. Widower. Salary 65 lacs. B.E. Slim & Fair. No expectations. Caste, Education, Wealth no bar. 7395926886

HINDU NADAR, 30, BE/MS 175cm, Income 100000/– USA Seeks Suitable Bride. KA Raman Nadar – 9380791999

Brahmin 38/157 B.Sc, M.C.A, working in Pvt.Co seeks Fair, Educated Bride from any Brahmin Family. 9444285566

TAMIL IYER boy 29 years star Pooram BE–CSE. Tech lead in Capgemini, Chennai. Rs.18 L p.a. 6 feet height. Onsite opportunity to U K soon. Seeks Brahmin girl. Call 9884510708

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IYENGAR GROOM aged 42 yrs 5'9" tall BE, MBA, earning 28 LPA seeks qualified bride from same community. Previous marriage annulled as non–consummated ramsnuptials@gmail.com.

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Well Settled Nuclear Family Star Pooradam-2, 31/168, B.E, B.S, 6Lacs p/a, Veg, Seeks Suitable Bride. Send the Details like Horoscope Etc..
vkjk62rk@gmail.com

TAMIL

RC TAMIL, 1992, 185 cms MS from Michigan Univ, employed in California, USA on H1B Visa, looking for suitable bride, Caste no bar. Ct: 98490 79688.

HINDU AD 31/168cm Sadhayam BE SWE- Bangkok seeks suitable Bride Age 26-29, same Caste. 73580 72897

Mumbai based Working Women Professionals for 29 / 170 cm M Tech (IIT) Affluent Tamil Catholic Officer in Govt Institution Email: mervinalexander@hotmail.com 9444300029.

THEVAR, 27yrs, BTech., 2.5 Lacs PM Chennai, Mother Retd. Army Officer seeks suitable Bride. Ct: 8800580802

TELUGU

NAIDU 28/180.POORATATHI,BTECH MS Working as Research Engr &Permanent Resident of Sweden. Call 9566682220

NAIDU 1991 Born 186 cm Seeks suitable Bride for ME, MBA, PhD, Self Employed, Fair, Ct: Father 9944533545

KAMBALATHU NAICKER TELUGU DOB 29.09.1992, 10.45am. Msc Financial Economics from Madras School of Economics. Working as Model Risk Validation past 8years in Royal Bank of Scotland. Salary Fifty Thousand British Pounds Per year. Staying at Fountain Park Edinburgh Scotland in rented house. Seeks Telugu speaking Naidu / Kambalathu Naicker non–working Brides. Whatsapp: 9840194300 / 8525004277.

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NAIDU 36/165 BCA–MBA, working in software at Egmore, Only son, Salary: 55k, no bad habit, Caste no bar. CT: 98944 28574.

Kapu/Divorced / No Dowry/ 44 Yrs/ 171 cm/ B.Tech/ No Kids / Software Engineer / Upper Middle Class, Bridegroom, with own house and own plot, seeks Beautiful Bride, Age-35-40 Yrs/ (Inter/Degree studied). Poor Traditional family, Widow/ Divorcee, Clean Habits, Family Oriented, must understand & speak Telugu. Contact: 9441188043.

NAIDU 1994 born 186 cm BE MBA. Pilot with Indigo seeks fair educated Bride. Ct: 95000 57987, 74284 47958

NAIDU 28/177, Handsome, MBBS,MD, Reputed Hospital,1700000 PA, Affluent Family, CNB. 7299576644, 7299576666

WANTED BRIDE
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MARRIAGE BUREAU

USA UK Australia All Caste Religion,1st Marriage,Remarriage. 8248757840

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SAI Samarth Pinnipati Janardhan ,S/O Pinnapeta Janardhana ,R/O No 745,BDA Quarters, Domlur, Bangalore – 560071, have changed my name as Sai Samarth Pinnapeta Janardhana vide afdvt dtd 12/06/2023.

I, SATYALAKSHMI ,W/O pinnapeta Suranna ,R/O No 745,BDA Quarters, Domlur, Bangalore – 560071, have changed my name as Satyaprema vide afdvt dtd 12/06/2023.

I KODAKATTHAYA Srikala Nair holding passport No E3177936 hereby change my name as Srikala (given name) Nair (surname) as per my aadhar No 876323787419 and other records

I, NAGA Prathiba Pinnipati Janardhan ,W/O Pinnapeta Janardhana ,R/O No 745,BDA Quarters, Domlur, Bangalore – 560071, have changed my name as Naga Prathiba Pinnapeta Janardhana vide afdvt dtd 12/06/2023.

I, JANARDHANA Pinnepata ,S/O pinnapeta Suranna ,R/O No 745,BDA Quarters, Domlur, Bangalore – 560071, have changed my name as Janardhana Pinnapeta vide afdvt dtd 12/06/2023.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ALAMPALLI Ramalingashetty Vijay Lakshmi ,W/O Alampalli Narayanasetty Ramalinga ,R/O No 745,BDA Quarters, Domlur, Bangalore – 560071, have changed my name as Alampalli Ramalinga Vijayalakshmi vide afdvt dtd 12/06/2023.

I, ALAMPALLI Narayanashetty Ramalinga Setty ,H/O Alampalli Ramalinga Vijayalakshmi ,R/O No 745,BDA Quarters, Domlur, Bangalore – 560071, have changed my name as Alampalli Narayanasetty Ramalinga vide afdvt dtd 12/06/2023.

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City Municipal Council, Bhadravathi

No.:CMCB/H.D./Tender/CR/01/23-24 Date: 15.06.2023

Tender Notice (Through e-procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka)

Tender is invited through e-procurement portal in two cover system as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999-2000 & Rules 2000, as per Karnataka Standard Tender Document – KW-4 for implementation of below mentioned work under Swachh Bharat Mission – 2.0 Scheme. Eligible Tenderers can participate in the Tender through e-procurement portal http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sl. No. 1. Details of Work: Work of management and disposal of Legacy Waste at Hiriyuru Solid Waste Material Disposal Unit in the limits of City Municipal Council, Bhadravathi. **Amount put to Tender (Rs. In lakhs):** 820.84 **E.M.D. Amount:** 1231260/-

1) Date of Tender pre-bid meeting: 10.07.2023 at 11.00 AM. Place: City Municipal Council Office, Bhadravathi. **2)** Last date for submission of tender bids in e-portal: 15.07.2023 up to 5.30PM. **3)** Date of opening Technical Bid through e-procurement:17.07.2023 after 11.00 AM through online. If the said date is declared a holiday then the next day will be considered. **4**) Date of opening Financial Bid through e-procurement will be announced later. **5)** Period for completion of work: 9.5 months (Excluding Rainy Season). **6**) Tenderers should pay only the Tender Amount excluding G.S.T. **7)** Regarding uploading of tender contact e-portal Helpline 080-22485867 or 080-25501216. Further details can be obtained from www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and the Office of Municipal Commissioner City Municipal Council, Bhadravathi/Assistant Executive Engineer (Environment), City Municipal Council, Bhadravathi. **8**) Any Corrigendum/Annexure will be published only in e-portal and Tenderers should abide by all the conditions in Tender Documents.

Sd/-(Anusudha Mohan Palani)
President
City Municipal Council, Bhadravathi.

Sd/-(B.P. Sarvamangala)
Vice President
City Municipal Council, Bhadravathi.

Sd/-(K.Sudeep Kumar)
Chariman, Standing Committee
City Municipal Council, Bhadravathi.

Sd/- (Manukumar H.M., K.M.A.S)
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City Municipal Council, Bhadravathi.

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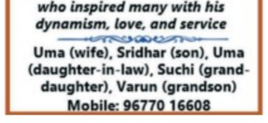

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru has invited Tender in the prescribed form as per the Standard tender document KG-1 & KG-2, from the reputed firms for the procurement of the following Equipment's Sl No. 1 to 12. The details of the KG-1 & KG-2, Tender Notification, Schedule, Specifications are available in the **website kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** The cost of the Tender document is as per e-procurement portal NORMS. The EMD shall be paid using e-procurement payment modes.

Blank Tender Documents can be downloaded from **kppp.karnataka.gov.in,** Last date and time for uploading the tender on **28-06-2023 up to 4.00 p.m.** The Financial bid will be opened on **30-06-2023 at 10.30 a.m.** in the Tender Committee room of Estate Office. Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned during working hours and also refer UAS Website: **www.uasbangalore.edu.in. Help Desk: 91-80460 10000, +91-80689 48777 support@eprochelp desk.com** The University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

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ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

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Tender Call Notice No. HO/CIVIL/T&E/E-4940/04/2023 18775 Dt. : 16.06.2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement

Name of the Work : Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Satge Light, Stage Drapery and Audio-Visual system with provision for operation & comprehensive AMC for 05 years for Auditorium of Kalamandal, Bhubaneswar.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
		From	To
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CGM (Civil), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Janpath, Bhubaneswar.	CIVIL/EST/05/2023-24	from 17.00 Hours of dt. 23.06.2023	to 17.00 Hours of dt. 10.07.2023

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** . Corrigendum or Addendum, if any will not be published in newspapers and can be seen in e-Procurement portal as well as in **IDCO Website.**

Chief General Manager (Civil), IDCO, Bhubaneswar

CAD-987: OIPR-14003/11/0081/2324

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No: PCB/25/17 CAT/HPI/EPH/2023/1408 Date:17/06/2023

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

M/s. Belgaum Sugars Private Limited, have proposed to expand existing Sugarcane Crushing Plant capacity from 7500 TCD to 15,000 TCD & Co-generation power plant capacity from 36 MW to 80 MW at Sy Nos. 59/1, 59/2+3, 59/4, 59/5, 59/6, 60/1, 60/2, 60/3, 60/4, 60/5, 65/1, 65/3, 65/6, 65/8, 66/9, 67/3, 68/3, 68/6+5B, 68/5B, 68/10, 68/7, 68/4A, 68/4B, 68/4C, 68/4D, 68/9, 68/11, 69/1, 69/2, 69/3, 69/4, 69/5, 69/7 of Hudali Village, Belagavi Taluk and District, Karnataka.

As Per Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated: 14.09.2006 and Amendment dated: 09.05.2022, the Project Proponent has to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, GOK and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing process. As per the Terms of Reference File No: SEIAA 18 CON 2023 dated: 24/01/2023 issued by State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, GOK and request letter of the project proponent received at Board office on 27.04.2023, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by KSPCB.

The details of the project are as follows:

1. Name of the Company & Address: M/s. Belgaum Sugars Private Limited,Hudali Village, Belagavi Taluk and District.

2. Location of the Proposedproject: Sy Nos. 59/1, 59/2+3, 59/4, 59/5, 59/6, 60/1, 60/2, 60/3, 60/4, 60/5, 65/1, 65/3, 65/6, 65/8, 66/9, 67/3, 68/3, 68/6+5B, 68/5B, 68/10, 68/7, 68/4A, 68/4B, 68/4C, 68/4D, 68/9, 68/11, 69/1, 69/2, 69/3, 69/4, 69/5, 69/7 of Hudali Village, Belagavi Taluk and District.

3. Project proposed : Expansion of existing Sugarcane Crushing Plant capacity from 7500 TCD to 15,000 TCD & Co-generation power plant capacity from 36 MW to 80 MW.

4. Date, time and venue of public hearing: Date: 19.07.2023 (Wednesday). Time: 11:00 A.M. Place: Project site, M/s. Belgaum Sugars Private Limited, Hudali Village, Belagavi Taluk and District.

5. Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are: (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi District, Belagavi. (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Belagavi District, Belagavi. (c) District Industries Centre, Belagavi District, Belagavi. (d) Office of the Regional Officer, Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, No.1, Main Road, Auto Nagar, Kanbargi Industrial Area, Belagavi-590015. (e) Hudali Village Panchayat, Belagavi Taluk and District. (f) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, 2nd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560 034. (g) **HELP DESK,** Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification to make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi District. Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. **For details please visit our Website: https://kspcb.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
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No: DUDC-5/SWMLEG/CR-/2023-24 . Dated:16.06.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Deputy Commissioner, Vijayapur District, Vijayapur invites from interested KPWD registered contractors and agencies **Processing and Disposing Legacy Waste** in 4 Ulbs of Vijayapura District tender in two cover system using KW-4 Documents for detailed as below.

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Description of works	Amount put to Tender	Earnest Money Deposit	Work Completion Period (Excluding monsoon)
1	Providing and Disposal of Legacy Waste at RSyNo 239 and 240 in Muddebihal TMC limit as per CPCB Guidelines DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT 302	198.49	2.97	5 Months
2	Providing and Disposal of Legacy Waste at RSyNo 985/*/1 in Indi TMC limit as per CPCB Guidelines DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT303	224.62	3.36	5 Months
3	Providing and Disposal of Legacy Waste at RSyNo 20/1B AND 20/4 in Basavana Bagewadi TMC limit as per CPCB Guidelines DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT326	154.79	2.32	4 Months
4	Providing and Disposal of Legacy Waste at RSyNo 614 in Sindagi TMC limit as per CPCB Guidelines DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT330	163.18	2.45	4 Months

Contractors/ Agencies who wish to participate in tender can download and submit the tenders through e-Procurment portal at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. For any clarification contract EE / AEE on working hours at office. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows.

1. Tender Pre-Bid Meeting : 12.07.2023 at 11.00 AM
2.Last Date for submission of tenders : 20.07.2023 up to 17.00 hrs.
3. Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) : 21.07.2023 after 17.15 hrs.
4. Date of Opening of Tenders (Financial Bids) : 31.07.2023 at 11.00 AM afterwards.

Addendum /Corrigendum of tenders is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers.

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Sd/- Deputy Commissioner, Vijayapur.

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Company Identity Number(CIN): U40109KA2004SGC035177

CESC/GM(P)/DGM(P)/AGM(P-2)/2023-24/4785 Date:14.06.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

CESC, Mysore invites Short Term Tenders from eligible bidders for Services as mentioned below:

Sl No.	Particulars	Enquiry no. / Date
1	Providing services of 7.5-10 MT Trucks / Lorries along with drivers to O & M divisions / Sub divisions of O & M **Mysuru Jurisdiction** on monthly rental basis, for transportation of materials for a period of one year.	C2–5471/ 14-06-2023
2	Providing services of 7.5-10 MT Trucks / Lorries along with drivers to O & M divisions / Sub divisions of O & M **Mandya Jurisdiction** on monthly rental basis, for transportation of materials for a period of one year.	C2–5472/ 14-06-2023

The details regarding participation in the tender can be obtained through e-procurement portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 16-06-2023 For clarification contact help desk 080-46010000/22631200/68948777 or e-mail address **support@eprochelpdesk.com**.

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DIPR/DDMYS/KSMCA/57/2023-24 **Sd/- General Manager (Procurement), CESC, Mysuru.**

Key elephant habitat under threat at Anaikatti along T.N.-Kerala boundary

Elephant habitat faces threat from resorts, farmhouses operating without requisite clearances; six persons and 12 elephants killed this year as pachyderms entered villages; conservation efforts stalled as corridor has not been notified by T.N. govt.

SPECIAL

Wilson Thomas
COIMBATORE

The scenic forested stretch of Anaikatti, near Tamil Nadu's boundary with Kerala, may now be on the bucket list for vloggers and riders from both States, but for generations before them, it has been part of a highway for the gentle giants of the Western Ghats, the *yaanai* (elephants) who inspire the name of the hills they walk. The unchecked growth of resorts and farmhouses in the area, however, is threatening their right to the forest road, and pushing the elephants into dangerous confrontations with villagers.

The road connecting Tamil Nadu's Coimbatore and Kerala's Palakkad districts passes through the critical Anaikatti North-Anaikatti South elephant corridor, one of two such passages in Coimbatore district identified by the Wildlife Trust of India as a "high ecological priority" in the second edition of its report titled, *Right of Passage: Elephant Corridors of India*. However, Anaikatti has not been notified as an elephant corridor by the State government, obstructing conservation efforts. In fact, of the 16 corridors identified by the WTI in Tamil Nadu, only one has been notified by the State.

The WTI study, published in 2017, had mentioned existing threats to the corridor in the form of vehicular traffic and several institutions in the area. However, local conservationists point out that development activities, especially in the hospitality sector, have continued unchecked since then.

Resorts sans clearances

The corridor falls under the Coimbatore and Periyanaickenpalayam forest ranges of the Coimbatore Forest Division where over a dozen of resorts are operating, apart from several other small development works. Though the Forest Department served letters to several resorts in December last year to produce the certificates they had obtained permitting operation, none of them turned up with the requisite documents.

"To avoid steep portions of the forest, elephants often choose to traverse the fringes of the plains. As new buildings have come up on such lands and most of them are electric-fenced, the pachyderms circumvent the obstruction. This forces them to enter villages," said a Forest Department official.

Residents of villages and tribal settlements around Anaikatti say that incidents of wild elephants straying into human habitations are escalating every year. Six people have been killed in negative interactions with wild elephants in the Coimbatore Forest Division so far this year, while 12 elephants also died due to various reasons during the same period, according to the Forest Department.

S. Ganesh, an activist from the nearby village of Thadagam, says that large pits dug by brick kiln manufacturers have made the terrain even more difficult for elephants. Though 177 brick kiln units have been shut down following a Madras High Court order in 2021, the pits still remain.

'Conserve the habitat'

"Elephant conservation is possible only if we conserve the habitat. Disturbances to the habitats will definitely escalate negative interactions with humans and wild elephants as they will be forced to enter villages," says K. Kalidasan, founder of Osai, a Coimbatore-based non-governmental organisation which recently petitioned the District Collector seeking action against the resorts and farmhouses that have come up on the fringes of the forest without getting clearances from the Forest Department and the Hill Area Conservation Authority (HACA).

The villages around Anaikatti are notified as hill villages by the HACA, and its permission is needed for any development work. "The issue has been brought to the attention of the District Collector who is the chairman of the HACA," adds the Forest Department official.

A researcher attached to an international conservation organisation said that the pace of development was "extremely rapid" along the corridor, which is part of the Brahmagiri-Nilgiri-Eastern Ghats Landscape of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, home to the world's single largest population of Asian elephants.

"Elephants are long-ranging animals and usually follow a set path that they have been following for ages. Often, these developments curtail the natural path of the animals. This makes them seek alternate paths that often run into human habitations and farms. Resulting conflicts are often fatal to both humans and animals. Hence, it's important to secure these movement corridors for the elephants," the researcher said.

When contacted, Supriya Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary of the State's Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department, promised that the department would look into the functioning of resorts in the corridor area.

From top: A map of the Anaikatti North-South elephant corridor; a resort on the side of the Coimbatore-Mannarkad Road, which is among the structures mentioned by Coimbatore-based environmental organisation 'Osai' in its petition to the Collector. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Delay in monsoon halts operations at Linganamakki power station

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

The delay in the onset of monsoon has hit power generation in the Sharavathi Valley Hydroelectric Project. Operations at Linganamakki Dam Power House (LPH), one of the four power generating stations of the project, were stopped on Friday, as the water level fell below the minimum drawdown level (MDDL).

The MDDL for the LPH is 1,742 feet. As the water level fell below 1,742 feet, power generation was stopped.

"When the level falls below 1,742 feet, water does not reach the penstocks in the power house," said Narayan P. Gajakosh, Chief Engineer (Operation and Maintenance), Sharavathi project.

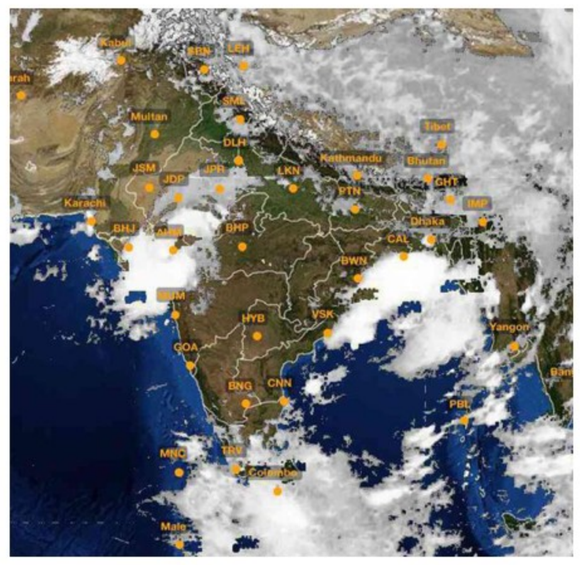
The power station has an installed capacity of 55 MW. As of Saturday, the water level in the Linganamakki reservoir was 1,741.80 feet, as against the full reservoir level of 1,819 feet.

Last year on this day, the water level in the reservoir was 1,750 feet.

The Sharavathi project has four power generating stations with a total capacity of 1,469 MW. Of them, operations at Linganmakki dam PH has been stopped. The remaining – Sharavathi Generating Station, Mahatma Gandhi Hydroelectric Station, and Gerusoppa Dam PH – are operational.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal and Kerala. Heat wave/severe heat wave conditions likely in a few/isolated pockets over Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Telangana and coastal Andhra Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	0.2	33.6	22.5	Kozhikode	24	34.4	25.0
Ahmedabad	0.5	33.8	25.0	Kurnool	—	39.6	27.7
Aizawl	39	29.3	18.6	Lucknow	—	41.6	27.0
Allahabad	—	44.2	30.4	Madurai	—	37.6	27.1
Bengaluru	—	31.5	22.0	Mangaluru	—	31.0	25.3
Bhopal	—	—	27.0	Mumbai	4	34.0	26.8
Bhubaneswar	—	44.3	28.8	Mysuru	—	34.2	—
Chandigarh	—	40.9	26.4	New Delhi	6.8	39.2	27.6
Chennai	—	38.0	31.5	Patna	—	44.7	31.7
Coimbatore	—	34.1	23.4	Port Blair	0.9	31.2	26.2
Dehradun	—	38.8	24.6	Puducherry	—	35.5	29.4
Gangtok	34	19.4	17.5	Pune	—	34.7	25.1
Goa	16	33.5	25.0	Raipur	—	43.3	30.1
Guwahati	33	29.0	23.4	Ranchi	—	40.8	28.8
Hubballi	—	34.0	24.0	Shillong	20	22.5	16.0
Hyderabad	—	39.0	27.0	Shimla	—	27.4	16.4
Imphal	23	25.1	20.5	Srinagar	—	31.0	16.0
Jaipur	—	35.4	28.2	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.6	25.9
Kochi	—	30.2	26.6	Tiruchi	—	36.5	28.6
Kohima	8.6	20.6	16.2	Vijayawada	—	42.2	31.0
Kolkata	0.7	37.0	30.2	Visakhapatnam	2	38.0	29.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.28	.35	.82	50	72	
Bengaluru	.23	.32	.60	—	92	
Chennai	2	100	.39	85	78	
Delhi	.20	109	130	139	182	
Hyderabad	.12	9	.37	72	68	
Kolkata	.15	.16	.20	44	60	
Lucknow	8	.32	.55	124	135	
Mumbai	.66	—	.54	25	242	
Pune	126	203	113	69	64	
Visakhapatnam	.19	.56	.21	84	134	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Chhapra, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 285 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 12

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

TS to drop UAPA case against rights activist

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

After an uproar over slapping noted Human Rights activist G. Haragopal and others with the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), the Telangana government is said to have decided not to pursue the case and drop it.

Cases were filed against Mr. Haragopal, a retired professor of the University of Hyderabad, and 151 others in August 2022 for conspiring to 'take over the power of the democratically elected government at gunpoint'.

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No. SPLOCA/ADM/GEN/05/2023-24 Date: 16/06/2023

PUBLICATION

Subject: Inviting Tender from firms to assist the O/o Regional Commissioner, Bengaluru Division and Nodal Officer and Ex-Officio Secretary to Government (Economic offences) and office of SPLOCA and other Competent Authorities for conducting forensic Audit related to Various Scam cases.

Sl. No.	Qualification/ requirements	Experience	Pay
1.	Registered CA firms who have expertise * In the field of financial Analysis and forensic audit of related companies/ Banks/ Cooperatives. * Identifying fund Trail, Tracking of banking transactions. * Conducting audit * Collection of payer beneficiary details for bank transactions and identifying assets created out of the same. * Collecting information from various Government agencies such as RBI, SEBI, ED, CBI, IT etc. * Tracking fund transfers, analyzing cash transactions * Creating & validating database. * Analyzing and vetting of claims. * Providing expert evidence in legal fora on payment of 1% of contract per appearance.	**Minimum - 5 Years Preferred - 10 Years**	Rupees: 275000/- for 2 months without in house technical staff/expert in case of where database is available. OR Rs:125000/- month excluding Rs.24000/- month for in house technical staff & expert along with conveyance and communication charges. For cases where database is not available the total time shall not exceed 3 months at the same rate per month.

Sl.No.	Event Description	Date
1	Issue of Notification/Advertisement	**17.06.2023**
2	Uploading of RFP document in e Proc	**17.06.2023**
3	Last date for receipt of queries on RFP	**21.06.2023 at 4.00 pm**
4	Pre-proposal conference at the office of SPLOCA/virtual meeting	**22.06.2023 at 11.30 am**
5	Last date for uploading of RFP document at e-Proc	**28.06.2023 at 4.30 pm**
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Digital eye deters proxy attendance in schools

One such school used to be the Lad Rymbai B Lower Primary School, about 8 km from Khliehriat.

"The parents are happy that their children are now going to school because the actual teachers are taking classes. Most children used to skip classes even a fortnight ago, before the digital attendance stopped the *khushi-khushi* (according to one's whims) system," Jasper Bareh, the headman of Lad Rymbai B village said.

Complaints about the poor quality of teaching and teacher absenteeism from parents and educational activists had made the East Jaintia Hills district authority engage digital experts to work on an integrated attendance system. It yielded the Teacher Attendance Monitoring System (TAMS), an app launched on June 2 by local MLA and Minister Kyrmen Shylla.

"The app basically entails taking a selfie for registering attendance. Its unique features are facial recognition, geofencing, and recording the time spent in school," the district's Deputy Commissioner, Abhilash Baranwal, told *The Hindu*.

While facial recognition technology ensures that none other than the teacher concerned can mark attendance, geofencing allows teachers to register their attendance only within the school premises. Geofencing uses global positioning system (GPS) to create a virtual geographic boundary, enabling software to trigger a response when a mobile device enters or leaves a particular physical area.

"It is a good system that makes no difference for sincere teachers except for switching from signing in the attendance register to a digital system. The insincere ones are feeling the heat and so are some older teachers who are not accustomed to smartphones," Evident S. Manner, a teacher at Narwan Upper Primary School said. The school has four teachers for 90 students.

Fixing glitches

Mr. Baranwal said that the attendance app was tested until June 15 in the district and may be implemented across the State. "The technical issues will be addressed before TAMS is made fully functional across 577 schools in the district." However, it doesn't account for teachers who may be attending training programmes away from school, or when teachers are assigned other duties by the government. A total of 1,354 teachers of lower primary and upper primary government-run and government-aided schools in the district have registered in the app. Mr. Suchiang said it may take some time to analyse whether TAMS translates into quality education but the "very fact that a digital eye keeping a watch on the teachers" has led to an increase in the attendance of students, points to a move in the right direction.

Bengal election panel moves SC against order

With Saturday's killing, the number of those killed since the announcement of panchayat polls in the State has increased to six.

Along with Kaliachak, tension prevailed at Dinhata in Cooch Behar district where the supporters of the Trinamool and the BJP came face to face over scrutiny of candidates for the panchayat polls.

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nishith Pramanik alleged that his convoy was stopped citing prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the CrPC around the BDO office. The Minister claimed that BJP supporters were attacked and an arrow was thrown at his vehicle.

At least 41 killed in militant attack on Ugandan school

Sudden shock: A boy comforted at the scene of a school attack in Mpondwe in Uganda on Saturday. AFP

Associated Press
KAMPALA

Ugandan authorities recovered the bodies of 41 people, including 38 students, who were burned, shot or hacked to death after suspected militants attacked a secondary school near the border with Congo, the local mayor said on Saturday.

At least six persons were abducted by the militants, who fled across the porous border into Congo after the raid on Friday night, the Ugandan military said.

Authorities blamed the massacre at Lhubiriha Secondary School in the border town of Mpondwe on the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), a shadowy extremist group with ties to the Islamic State. The victims included the students, one guard and two local residents, Mpondwe-Lhubiriha Mayor Selevest Mapoze said.

Mr. Mapoze said some of the students suffered fatal burns when the militants set fire to a dormitory and others were shot or hacked with machetes.

Science Secretary demits office, cites personal reasons

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Srivari Chandrasekhar

In an unexpected development, Srivari Chandrasekhar, Secretary of the Ministry of Science and Technology, has quit his position and will be returning to the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).

A note from the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet dated June 16 said that it had approved the "premature repatriation" of Dr. Chandrasekhar to his "parent" organisation CSIR on "personal grounds."

'Played a key role'

Before joining the Department of Science and Technology (DST), he was director of the Indian Institute of Chemical Technology-Hyderabad, a CSIR laboratory, and played a key role in directing research towards developing candidate drugs for COVID-19.

He took charge of the DST on December 2021. Usually, Secretaries of scientific departments have tenures of five years or until they reach 60 years of age. "Of late rules, have been amended with Secretaries of scientific departments only allotted three-year tenures. This, of course, can be extended," said a senior scientist, who is aware of the workings of scientific departments but who did not want to be identified. "Dr. Chandrasekhar's tenure would have ended this November. So there was time," the scientist added.

Dr. Chandrasekhar confirmed to *The Hindu* that "very personal reasons" was behind his decision, but did not elaborate. He will remain Science Secretary till July 10.

NIA to probe attacks on Indian Missions in U.S. and Canada

Earlier, probe into vandalism at High Commission in London was given to agency; pro-Khalistan protesters had attacked missions after Punjab Police launched a crackdown on Amritpal Singh

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The National Investigating Agency (NIA) has taken over the probe into the attacks carried out by Khalistan supporters on Indian Missions in the U.S. and Canada in March, police sources said on Saturday.

Earlier, the probe into violent protests and attempted vandalism at the Indian High Commission in London in March was also handed over to the agency.

The Delhi Police's Special Cell had registered first information reports under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in connection with the attacks which took place in March, sources said.

The investigation has now been transferred to the NIA, they added.

A group of pro-Khalistan protesters had attacked and damaged the Indian Consulate in San Francisco. Raising slogans, the protesters broke open the makeshift security barriers installed by the police and put up two Khalistani flags inside the Consulate premises. Two consulate personnel soon removed these flags.

Taking action: A security guard walking in front of the Consulate General of India in San Francisco that was attacked in March. AP

India had lodged a strong protest with the U.S. Charge d'Affaires in Delhi. The government had also summoned the Canadian High Commissioner and conveyed its strong concerns about the targeting of Indian diplomatic missions in Canada.

Identifying culprits

On June 12, the NIA released CCTV footage of the attack on the Indian Mission in London and sought the help of the public in identifying the culprits.

Pro-Khalistani protestors tried to vandalise the Indian High Commission in London and pulled down the national flag while holding protests outside the High Commission complex on March 19.

It happened a day after the Punjab Police launched a crackdown on radical preacher Amritpal Singh in Punjab.

The officials from the Mission had said the "attempted but failed" attack was foiled and that the Tricolour was now flying "grander".

The Metropolitan Police said two members of the security staff sustained minor injuries which did not require hospital treatment.

India had summoned the British Deputy High commissioner based in New Delhi and demanded an explanation for the complete "absence of security".

In a strongly worded statement, the Ministry of External Affairs had said India finds "unacceptable" the indifference of the U.K. government to the security of Indian diplomatic premises and personnel.

Railways to review train operations, ensure 'zero compromise' on safety

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

Chairman of Railway Board says every employee is responsible for safety, irrespective of the department

The Indian Railways will review every aspect of safety in the operation of trains to ensure foolproof working of the system.

Expressing grave concern over the tragic train accident in Odisha, Chairman Railway Board/Chief Executive Officer (CRB/CEO) A.K. Lahoti directed top railway officers, including General Managers of all Zonal Railways, to review safety in the entire system for foolproof working against external and internal issues.

"While the cause of this [Odisha] accident is under investigation, it needs to be re-emphasised that safety has a large number of dimensions and each and every aspect is required to be reviewed and ensured for zero compromise," he said while addressing a safety review meeting convened this week.

Mr. Lahoti said every railway employee was responsible for safety irrespective of the department. While maintenance of infrastructure was very important, it should to be ensured that maintenance works are carried out only under block/disconnection. "Employees must not resort to shortcuts at all. It is necessary for senior officers to bring about a change in the mindset of field employees that getting block/disconnection is not an issue. Field employees must not feel constrained in asking for blocks for maintenance of infrastructure," he said.

For this purpose, Divisional Railway Managers should interact with field staff personally, and assure them that block or disconnection would be given as a matter of safe working culture. "Before clearing the block/disconnection it must be ensured that the attended asset has been restored properly – where required, testing should be carried out."

Mr. Lahoti said even lowest level employees in the Railways should not feel hesitant to stop a train if they found that there were unsafe conditions for its movement. Some error of judgment in this regard should be allowed.

Senior officers were told to make best use of the Integrated Coach Management System, which records unusual incidents on a daily basis, to identify the trends and problems so that corrective measures could be initiated.

PM Modi proposes G-20 membership for African Union

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has written to the leaders of the G-20 nations proposing that the African Union be given full membership of the grouping at its upcoming summit in India, official sources said on Saturday.

The Prime Minister has taken a "bold step" to enhance Africa's voice on the international stage and in shaping the future of "our shared world", they said. India is hosting the G-20 summit in Delhi in September.

The African Union (AU) is a continental body consisting of 55 member states.

This will be a right step towards a just, fair, more inclusive and representative global architecture and governance, the sources said. Mr. Modi has been particularly focusing on incorporating priorities of the African countries in the G-20 agenda.

The African Union is considered the top-most grouping representing the voice of Africa. It has been working towards ensuring the progress and economic growth of the African nations. It was officially launched in 2002 as a successor to the Organisation of African Unity.

Amid double border threat, self-reliance is a necessity: Rajnath

The Hindu Bureau
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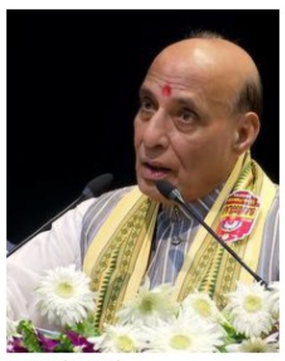

Rajnath Singh

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday said self-reliance is not an option but a necessity, as India is facing a double threat on its borders, along with new dimensions of warfare in a fast-changing world.

Speaking in Lucknow, Mr. Singh highlighted the steps taken by the Union government to create a robust defence ecosystem, which not only caters to domestic security needs but also fulfils the requirements of friendly countries. He was addressing a defence dialogue on 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' organised by the STRIVE think tank, a defence veterans' initiative, in his Lok Sabha constituency.

Industrial corridor

"So far, an investment of about ₹2,500 crore has been made in the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC) by various entities. The corridor will not only produce spare parts, nuts and bolts but also manufacture and assemble drones/unmanned aerial vehicles, electronic warfare, aircraft and BrahMos missiles," the Defence Minister said.

Mr. Singh described a self-reliant and strong military as the backbone of a sovereign country, which not only protects the borders but also safeguards the nation's civilisation and culture. He hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership for ensuring that the armed forces were not dependent on foreign weapons and equipment. "The aim is to build an economically powerful and completely self-reliant India which is also a net defence exporter," he said.

He also lauded the Defence Industrial Corridors in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

ED arrests relative of former judge in connection with a bribery case in Haryana

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested Ajay Parmar – a relative of Sudhir Parmar, who is a former special judge for ED and Central Bureau of Investigation cases – from Panchkula in Haryana, in connection with an alleged bribery case.

On Friday, the accused was produced before a Panchkula court that sent him to ED custody till June 20. The agency had earlier searched his premises.

The ED probe is based on a first information report (FIR) registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau of Haryana, alleging that favours were extended to several accused persons in criminal cases, including Roop Kumar Bansal and his brother Basant Bansal, who own the M3M group, and Lalit Goyal, owner of the IREO group.

Undue benefits

"It is alleged [in the FIR] that undue benefit was provided to Sudhir Parmar through his relative Ajay Parmar. It was further stated that as per reliable information, instances [as stated therein] of grave misconduct, abuse of official position and demand/acceptance of undue advantage/bribe from the accused persons in the cases pending in his court were observed," the ED said in a statement on Saturday.

The ED produced him before a Panchkula court, which sent him to custody till June 20.

The ED had earlier arrested Mr. Basant and Pankaj Bansal in the same case. They are also in its custody till June 20.

Mr. Roop Kumar Bansal, promoter and director of the M3M group, had been previously arrested by the agency with respect to multiple FIRs alleging that public funds invested in IREO and M3M were diverted and misappropriated. In one transaction, M3M had received about ₹400 crore from IREO via shell companies in multiple layers.

Shell companies

According to the agency, the transaction was shown on IREO's books as payments toward development rights, for land owned by M3M, whose market value was around ₹4 crore. M3M initially sold the development rights of this land to five shell companies for a payment of ₹10 crore. It was claimed that the companies were unrelated, but they were being operated by M3M.

The shell companies had immediately sold the development rights of the same land to IREO for about ₹400 crore. After receiving the amount, they transferred it to M3M through other shell entities owned and operated by M3M. As alleged, IREO did not make any efforts to develop the land and started writing off the investments every year.

ED searches premises of Atiq Ahmed's associates

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has seized cash and papers related to several properties during searches on the premises of the associates of gangster-turned-politician Atiq Ahmed, MP, who was gunned down along with his brother Khalid Azim, alias Ashraf, by three assailants in April.

The fresh round of searches was carried out at 10 locations in Delhi, Prayagraj and Lucknow on June 14 and 15. The premises of renowned builders and chartered accountants were searched.

The agency seized ₹17.8 lakh in cash, documents related to sale and purchase of properties, financial records of companies, bank statements, mobile phones, laptops and other evidence. The probe under the Prevention Money Laundering Act is based on a case registered by the CBI against Atiq and his men, following a Supreme Court's directive, in connection with the allegation of kidnapping and extortion.

PM silent as Manipur burns; is State part of India, asks Ibobi

A 10-party Manipur delegation is seeking to meet Modi over the violence in the State; at a joint press conference by the Opposition, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh compares Modi's silence with Vajpayee's actions in a similar situation

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Attacking Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his silence even as Manipur has been "burning" for more than 40 days, former Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh on Friday asked whether Mr. Modi considered the State part of India or not.

A delegation of top Manipur leaders from 10 political parties, including the Congress, have been camping in Delhi for the last week, seeking to meet the Prime Minister, but have failed to get an appointment.

"Is Manipur part of India or not? If it is part of India then why is the Indian Prime Minister not meeting us? We remain hopeful that the Prime Minister will grant us an audience before he leaves for his foreign tour," Mr. Singh said. Underlining the gravity of the situation in Manipur, he said that more than 20,000 persons – most of whom are women and children – are living in relief camps, while many more have been displaced.

Jairam Ramesh and Okram Ibobi Singh addressing the mediapersons at the Congress headquarters. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The delegation – which includes leaders from the Janata Dal(U), the Communist Party of India and the CPI(M), Trinamool Congress, Aam Aadmi Party, All India Forward Bloc, Shiv Sena (UBT), Nationalist Congress Party, and Revolutionary Socialist Party – addressed a joint press conference at the Congress headquarters in New Delhi.

They said they had e-mailed to the Prime Minister's office seeking an appointment on June 10 and hand-delivered their request on June 12, but have not been given any response yet.

'Manipur ki baat'

Comparing the current situation with June 18, 2001, when a similar blockade started in Manipur, Congress spokesperson Jairam Ramesh said that the government of the day, headed by Atal Bihari Vajpayee, was more responsive. Within six days of the violence breaking out in the State, Vajpayee met an all-party delegation from the State on June 24. On July 8, then Home Minister L.K. Advani also met the delegation. On both occasions, Vajpayee appealed for calm and urged cooperation with the administration to restore normalcy in Manipur.

"Today, leaders from 10 parties are waiting to meet PM Modi, but he remains silent," Mr. Ramesh said. He also expressed disappointment that even after Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Manipur, there has been no tangible improvement in the situation. The Congress leader demanded that Mr. Modi pay heed to Vajpayee's appeal and meet with the delegation.

"Manipur is burning because of RSS' ideology and BJP's politics," he said.

From one eruption to another, day and night spread equal dread

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

Tyres and construction materials were set on fire by miscreants in Manipur on Friday. PTI

The *yu*, a popular rice wine, is now not being brewed at Sekmai, dry Manipur's favourite watering hole north of Imphal on National Highway 2.

What has been brewing for more than a month is the fear of getting killed at the Sekmai relief camp and the realisation that members of 175 Meitei households, in several such camps, may never return to their ancestral homes in Kangpokpi, a Kuki-dominated district. The relief camp is on the northern edge of the Imphal Valley, just a few metres from the boundary between Kangpokpi and the Meitei-majority Imphal East district.

Their fear grew stronger on May 27 after scores of gunmen swooped down on a village 600 metres east of the Sekmai camp, where Herojit Chilen and Nongthombam Sandhyarani have found refuge.

Gunfire threat

"We can neither go back home nor sleep in peace here because of the gunshots we keep hearing every now and then. Most of the able-bodied inmates and local volunteers are guarding the relief camp and adjoining areas at night, but that does not guarantee sleep during the day," Mr. Chilen said.

Hailing from the Lower Toribari village near Kangpokpi town (district headquarters), Mr. Chilen is one of the 811 Meitei people settled in Kangpokpi district, whose total population is 1,93,744, according to the 2011 census. The tiny Meitei population comprises 125 households settled in five areas: Kangpokpi, Motbung, Saparmeina, Charhajare, and Kalapahar. All the Meiteis are now either in camps or staying with relatives in Imphal Valley.

"We were only three Meitei households in the mixed village once dominated by the Nepalese people. Two Kuki hamlets came up over the years after some Nepalese people relocated to Sanatombi (Imphal West district) and Siliguri (West Bengal)," Mr. Chilen said.

The people of Lower Toribari coexisted peacefully until May 3, when all hell broke loose. "Before we could realise what happened, there were about 500 people baying for our blood and all of us [Meitei] took refuge in a Naga village," Mr. Chilen recalled.

They returned home the next morning, thinking that the animosity would be short-lived. But a mob started mobilising just a couple of hours later and began belting out expletives. "We smelled trouble and ran as fast as we could. Here we are now, not sure how we can pick up our lives again," he said. "On the brighter side, we won't have to pay ₹2,000 to ₹4,000 to the dominant Kuki extremist groups as 'taxes'," he added.

'No security at camp'

Ms. Sandhyarani, too, did not know what had hit them or why. Along with 50 others from the Meitei Leikai locality of Motbung, she escaped a marauding mob by taking a jungle route and crossing the Imphal river. "The river ran deep. But it was safer than the fire behind us, as our houses burned. We somehow managed to cross with our young men carrying the elderly, pregnant women, and some physically challenged on their backs," she said.

"We are being provided for at the relief camp but there is absolutely no security. We are guarding ourselves with sticks, which are useless against guns unless the government does something soon to disarm the miscreants," she said. The feeling is similar in a relief camp in Churachandpur, where Kukis who fled arson and violence are housed. "This madness has to end for us to lead normal lives again," said an inmate.

Adipurush kicks off political storm; Chhattisgarh ready to ban film on public demand

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Adipurush, the latest film based on the Ramayana, has kicked off a political storm, with many leaders across the ideological spectrum – from the Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party to the Shiv Sena (UBT) and even a lone voice from the BJP – objecting to its portrayal of Hanuman.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced that the State government would consider banning the film, if the public demanded it.

The film, written by Manoj Muntashir Shukla and released on Friday, is under fire for its dialogues and special effects, with critics finding Hanuman's dialogues in the Lanka *Dahan* sequence particularly offensive.

Mr. Baghel told pressmen in Raipur that the film was an attempt to tarnish the image of Lord Ram and Lord Hanuman.

A seat reserved for Lord Hanuman in a theatre.

"The government will think about it [a ban] if people raise a demand," he said, alleging that the film was just another step in transforming the image of Lord Hanuman.

He said the language used in the film was "indecent", adding that Lord Ram has always been known as "*Maryada Purushottam*", or the upholder of morality.

Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate panned the film for its use of "vulgar language" and attempt to promote the "business of religion".

The film, she said, does not compare to the Ramayana television series produced by Ramanand Sagar in the late 1980s.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankhar Kapoor was the lone voice from the ruling party to protest against the film. He urged Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur to re-examine the "controversial scenes and dialogues".

"The censor Board should temporarily suspend its censor certificate and ban its screening till it is reviewed again," Mr. Kapoor said

Shiv Sena (UBT) Rajya Sabha member Priyanka Chaturvedi said that the film's writer and director should apologise to the country for "the pedestrian dialogues written for the movie, especially for Lord Hanuman".

Stay away from conflict, Myanmar refugees told

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Against the backdrop of continued rioting in Manipur, citizens of Myanmar who are "temporarily sheltering" in India because of the military crackdown back home should stay away from political matters and ethnic conflicts, the rebel National Unity Government (NUG) of Myanmar has said in a public notice.

"There were some reports earlier that people from Myanmar were involved in the developments in Manipur. We do not think that is correct and we have asked our citizens to stay away from domestic political processes in India," a leading member of the NUG's Ministry of Foreign Affairs told *The Hindu* on Saturday.

The public announcement has urged the displaced individuals "to live in harmony and appropriately with host communities" and follow the religious and social rules in the villages or wards that they are residing in.

Trinamool fields highest nominees

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

Nomination papers filed by candidates in the West Bengal panchayat elections point to the political dominance of the Trinamool Congress. The party has filed 85,817 nominations for 73,887 seats of the three-tier panchayats in West Bengal.

The State's ruling party is followed by the BJP, which has filed 56,321 nominations. The CPI(M) has filed nomination papers for 48,646 seats or 65% of the total seats. The Congress party has filed nominations for 17,750 seats.

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No.: DCF/TENDER/PR/03/2023-24 Date: 17.06.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal)

The following tenders have been invited through the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal system for removal of trees obstructing the development works of various departments and remedial planting of plantations in the year 2023-24 and maintenance for the next 5 years till the year 2028-29.

Special Note: Tender documents are uploaded separately as per KW Tender Document in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and bidders must adhere to all the terms and conditions of the Document.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Amount (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Rising and Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation K-RIDE Project (BSRP Project extending from Baiyappanahalli to Chikkabanavara) in BBMP Bommanahalli Zone, in and around NICE Road Junction, 3260 Plants during the year 2023-24 and its maintenance (up to 5 years) during the year 2028-29.	1,01,35,340.00	1,52,030.00
2	Rising and Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation K-RIDE Project (BSRP Project Corridor 02. Package 1 extending from Baiyappanahalli to Lottegollahalli) in BBMP Dasarahalli Zone, Peenya Industrial Area. 8000 Plants during the year 2023-24 and its maintenance (up to 5 years) during the year 2028-29, Block-1.	2,48,72,000.00	3,73,080.00
3	Rising and Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation K-RIDE Project (BSRP Project Corridor 02. Package 1 extending from Baiyappanahalli to Lottegollahalli) in BBMP Dasarahalli Zone, Peenya Industrial Area. 5190 Plants during the year 2023-24 and its maintenance (up to 5 years) during the year 2028-29, Block-2.	1,61,35,710.00	2,42,036.00
4	Rising and Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation K-RIDE Project (BSRP Project Corridor 02. Package 1 extending from Lottegollahalli to Chikkabanavara) in BBMP South Zone, in and around NICE Road. 5000 Plants during the year 2023-24 and its maintenance (up to 5 years) during the year 2028-29, Block-1.	1,55,45,000.00	2,33,175.00
5	Rising and Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation K-RIDE Project (BSRP Project Corridor 02. Package 1 extending from Lottegollahalli to Chikkabanavara) in BBMP South Zone, in and around NICE Road. 4890 Plants during the year 2023-24 and its maintenance (up to 5 years) during the year 2028-29, Block-2.	1,52,03,010.00	2,28,045.00
6	Rising and Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation K-RIDE Project (The Highway Project Area extending from Gunjur to Bellathur Bridge for the Project of improvement and widening of Road) in BBMP Mahadevapura Zone, Gujur to Bellathur Road. 5620 Plants during the year 2023-24 and its maintenance (up to 5 years) during the year 2028-29.	1,74,72,580.00	2,62,089.00
7	Rising and Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation (1) K-RIDE Project (Railway Doubling Project extending from Yashwanthapura Railway Station to Channasandra Railway Station) (7420 Plants) (2) KPTCL R.R. Nagar (110 Plants) (3) KPTCL, West of Chord Road (420 Plants) in BBMP Yelahanka Zone. Totally 7950 Plants (BEL-6000 Plants & CRPF - 1950 Plants, inside the compound) during the year 2023-24 and its maintenance (up to 5 years) during the year 2028-29.	2,47,16,550.00	3,70,748.00

Time Schedule: (1) Date of downloading the tender documents: **19.06.2023. (2)** Last date for submission of online complaints regarding tender: **23.06.2023** at **5:00 pm. (3)** Date of pre bid meeting: **23.06.2023** at **5:00 pm. (4)** Date of receipt of tenders: **04.07.2023** at **5:00 pm. (5)** Date of opening of tender: **05.07.2023** at **5:30 pm. (6)** Place of opening of tender: **E-Procurement Portal. (7)** Office address to be contacted: **Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Annex Building-03, Ground Floor, Room No. 4 & 5, Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.**

Sd/-, Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP

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ROC No. PR4/13955/Adv. No.92/ PRO/2023, Dated: 17.06.2023 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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GLOBAL e-TENDER NOTICE

Tenders (Two bid system) are invited from established manufacturers/ authorized suppliers through www.etenders.kerala.gov.in to supply ROBOTIC SURGERY SYSTEM WITH ACCESSORIES in Malabar Cancer Centre, Thalassery (Tender ID: 2023_MCC_581604_1).
For details contact our Purchase Division.
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Ref. No.: NIMH/ENG/HOES/OPD/336/2023-24 Date: 17.06.2023

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Sealed "Expression of Interest" is invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Director, NIMHANS, Bangalore from Government of India undertaking firms for preparation of detailed project report for the construction of comprehensive "OUT PATIENT DEPARTMENT BUILDING" at NIMHANS campus, Bengaluru.

Detailed scope of work along with terms and conditions of EOI can be downloaded from the website http://www.nimhans.ac.in/nimhans. The completed EOI shall be submitted on or before **30/06/2023 upto 03.00 pm**.

All corrigendum/addendum/amendments/time extensions/ clarification etc., for the EOI will be published on the above website only and will not be published in any other media. Bidders should regularly visit the above website to keep them updated.

***Sd/-*, Head of Engg. Section**

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RUSA 2.0 Major Project
Purchase of Laboratory Equipments
E-TENDER NOTICE

No. CUSAT/PL(UGC)A5/58552/2023 Dt.14.05.2023

E-tenders are invited from reputed firms for the supply of various laboratory/ scientific equipments.
Critical dates of e-tender
Start Date: **19/06/2023**, 11:00 AM.
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OR **https://cusat.ac.in/** Sd/-
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Gati Shakti Unit / Tiruchchirappalli Division
E Tender Notice No. GS-TPJ-14-2023 Dt. 14.06.2023

For and on behalf of the President of India, Chief Project Manager/GSU/TPJ invites ONLINE tenders for the following works:

Item No.	Tender No	Name of work
1	GS-TPJ-14-2023-01	Electrical works related to Up-gradation of MAYILADUTHURAI (MV) Railway Junction under "Amrit Bharat Station Scheme"
2	GS-TPJ-14-2023-02	MQ-Provision of platform shelters regarding Up-gradation of MANNARGUDII (MQ) Railway Junction under "Amrit Bharat Station Scheme"
3	GS-TPJ-14-2023-03	Civil works related to Up-gradation of MANNARGUDII (MQ) Railway Junction under "Amrit Bharat Station Scheme"
4	GS-TPJ-14-2023-04	ALU-Civil works related to Up-gradation of ARIYALUR Railway station under "Amrit Bharat Station Scheme"
5	GS-TPJ-14-2023-05	ALU- Provision of platform shelters regarding Up-gradation of ARIYALUR Railway station under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme"

Item No.	Tender No.	Cash value (in Rs.)	Validity offer	Closing Date & Time	Period of completion
1	GS-TPJ-14-2023-01	12663708.00	60 days	01/07/2023 11.00	8 months
2	GS-TPJ-14-2023-02	11409476.88	60 days	04/07/2023 11.00	6 months
3	GS-TPJ-14-2023-03	16617608.35	60 days	04/07/2023 11.00	6 months
4	GS-TPJ-14-2023-04	23050334.11	60 days	04/07/2023 11.00	7 months
5	GS-TPJ-14-2023-05	13706544.06	60 days	04/07/2023 11.00	7 months

If the date of opening of tenders happens to be a declared holiday at a later date, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the stipulated time.
The detailed Tender Notices, Tender document along with terms & conditions and if any corrigendum to tenders issued, can be accessed through **https://www.ireps.gov.in.**

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INBRIEF

Centre reviews preparedness ahead of monsoon in Assam

Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Saturday chaired a meeting with Central and State agencies to discuss health-related issues arising from floods ahead of the monsoon in Assam. The meeting assessed the arrangements put in place by Central institutions and agencies of the State government to ensure effective management of floods in the State. He urged officials to work on a flood management model and directed them to prepare an online database listing all important information, including availability of beds and oxygen, to ensure efficient management of any health emergency.

ED attaches assets valued at ₹45.2 crore of ex-NSG officer

The Enforcement Directorate has attached 52 movable and immovable properties estimated at ₹45.2 crore related to a former deputy commandant with the National Security Guard (NSG) and his family members in connection with an alleged fraud case. The accused has been identified as Parveen Yadav. The agency said its probe is based on five First Information Reports (FIRs) registered by the Gurugram Police. According to the ED, Mr. Yadav had opened a forged bank account in the name of "EMD" for Central Warehouse NSG in Manesar with Axis Bank in Gurugram and gave forged documents to the complainants as those issued by the NSG.

Forester on duty shot dead by poachers in Odisha's Similipal

A forester was shot dead by poachers inside the Similipal Tiger Reserve in Mayurbhanj of Odisha in the early hours of Saturday. This is the second such killing reported in the reserve in the past one month. The incident took place when a group of six forest personnel intercepted armed poachers near the Gamchacharan beat camp in the Upper Barahakumuda range of Similipal North Division during patrolling. When the forest team asked the poachers to surrender and lay down their weapons, they started indiscriminate firing around 2.30 a.m. Mathy Hansdah, who was posted in the Upper Bharakamada range as a forester, was hit by a bullet and died.

Pandora Papers leak case: ED seizes assets worth ₹30.6 cr.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has seized assets estimated at ₹30.6 crore in the form of investments in securities under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) in connection with a Pandora Papers leak case involving Vikram Swarup and Gaurav Swarup. "The investigation conducted under FEMA revealed that the Swarup brothers were holding assets in the form of 'foreign exchange' in the accounts maintained with Standard Chartered Bank, Jersey, and the Bank J. Safra Sarasin, Switzerland, in the name of said Epsilon Enterprises Ltd. in contravention of Section 4 of FEMA," the ED said in a statement.

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'Pay insurance claims arising out of cyclone at the earliest'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

In a circular to the CEOs of all general insurance companies and standalone health insurance companies, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) said on Saturday that it needs to be ensured that all claims are surveyed immediately and claim payments/on-account payments are disbursed at the earliest and in any case not exceeding the timeline.

"The insurer shall encourage the policyholder to use electronic communication wherever possible for correspondence while initiating the claim and filing all the relevant documents. Efforts shall be made to ensure that digital processes are resorted to the extent possible for assessment of claims," it said.

The regulator has asked the insurers to mobilise all resources to ensure immediate service response, including engaging the services of investigators, surveyors and loss adjusters for quick settlement of claims arising out of the havoc created by Cyclone Biparjoy. Insurers will be responding/assisting the claimants through their 24x7 helplines, it said.

Gujarat limping back to normalcy after Biparjoy

Traffic on highways resumes and ports along the coastline in Saurashtra and Kutch restart operations; State government to undertake survey to assess damage caused by cyclone in villages

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday conducted an aerial survey to assess the impact of Cyclone Biparjoy that battered coastal Gujarat in Kutch and Saurashtra.

Accompanied by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, Mr. Shah convened a meeting with top officials, visited medical centres and shelters to take stock of the situation and interacted with the National Disaster Response Force deployed for relief and rescue operations.

He lauded the efforts of the Central and State agencies which were involved in the disaster management efforts and said that owing to coordination and teamwork, no casualty occurred and only 47 people had minor injuries. He added that 234 animals died.

"By June 20, power will be restored in all affected areas. Roads and other infrastructure that were damaged are also being repaired," he told reporters after the review meeting in Bhuj, Kutch. Meanwhile, the situation is becoming normal in the region as the intensity of rain weakened on Saturday.

Assessing situation: Union Home Minister Amit Shah meets NDRF personnel during his visit to cyclone-affected areas in Kutch district on Saturday. ANI

In north Gujarat, heavy rain continued causing flooding on Saturday. However, ports along the coastline in the Saurashtra and Kutch region, including the Pipavav Port and Kandla Port, and Adani Port in Mundra resumed operations. Traffic along the main highways resumed. The State government has also started a survey to assess the damage in the villages. As per preliminary reports, around 700 houses in eight coastal districts were damaged.

Among 1,09,000 persons shifted to temporary shelters, there were 10,918 children, 5,070 senior citizens and 1,152 pregnant women, the government had said.

The storm damaged power infrastructure, uprooting thousands of electricity poles and damaging overhead power lines. About 1,500 villages were still without electricity on Saturday. In many villages, power had been cut off as a precautionary measure to avert any dangerous incidents during the storm, Gujarat Energy Secretary Mamta Verma said.

"Our teams are working on the ground to restore electricity supply and supply of drinking water," said Kamal Dayani, Gujarat's Revenue Secretary.

(With inputs from PTI and Reuters)

One person killed during clashes in Junagadh

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

A man was killed and a few policemen were injured in clashes over the proposed demolition of a shrine at Junagadh in Gujarat on Friday.

The police said the Junagadh Municipal Corporation had given notice to Geban Shah Masjid near Majewadi gate on June 14, stating that it had to show relevant documents of the land and the building to the civic body within five days.

Upset by the notice, nearly 500 people gathered near the Majewadi gate on Friday, the police said, adding that the mob began throwing stones at them.

The police detained over 150 people after the incident. One person died of injuries sustained during the throwing of stones.

"After nearly an hour-long deliberation aimed at finding a peaceful resolution and clearing the protesters' road blockade, some stones were thrown at the police around 10.15 p.m. on Friday," said Junagadh Superintendent of Police Ravi Teja Vasamsetty. The police lobbed tear gas shells to disperse the crowd.

India would not have been partitioned if Netaji was there: NSA

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

National Security Adviser Ajit Doval said on Saturday that India would not have been partitioned if Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was there at that time.

Describing Subhas Chandra Bose as a "highly religious man", the NSA said he was the only leader who had the audacity to challenge Mahatma Gandhi and refused to beg for freedom from the British.

Mr. Doval said history had been unkind to Netaji and he was happy that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was making efforts to undo that.

Speaking at the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Memorial Lecture organised by trade body ASSOCHAM, the NSA said that India lost the 1962 war with China because the country was not prepared.

"From 1950 to 1962, there was an idea to disband the Army because we had gained Independence. If we had started building up our defence, probably the development of 1962 might not have happened," Mr. Doval said.

"India had everything; better quality of people, more educated, but it did not have a strong defence, it did not build its defence, that is why the intruders – Hans, Mongols and Mughals every day came here one by one, to transcend our area," he added.

Letter to DCGI seeks emergency use nod for investigational antibiotics

Ramya Kannan
CHENNAI

Intensivists and infectious diseases specialists, faced with a dire situation where effective antibiotics to treat drug-resistant infections are lacking, have called upon the government to allow emergency use authorisation (EUA), as successfully done during the COVID-19 pandemic, for certain life-saving drugs.

In a letter to the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) Rajeev Raghuvanshi and copied to Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Abdul Ghafur, Coordinator, Chennai Declaration on Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR), has urged the government to consider the matter.

> By the time we receive compassionate use permission to procure them, patients with severe infections succumb
>
> **ABDUL GHAFUR**
> Coordinator, Chennai Declaration of Anti-Microbial Resistance

"There are instances where not a single available drug in our country proves effective in treating these infections. Unfortunately, by the time we receive compassionate use permission to procure investigational antibiotics in phase 3 or licensed antibiotics from other countries, patients with severe infections succumb," his communiqué says.

The plea is to allow EUA for antibiotics in phase 3 trials or licensed antibiotics from other countries. Given the gravity of using such drugs, Dr. Ghafur says, the community of infectious diseases specialists and intensivists would undertake to clear the decision to use the antibiotics by a team of doctors first.

Dr. Ghafur adds, "There are two specific antibiotics that merit EUA consideration: Cefiderocol, which has already been licensed in several countries, but not in India, and Cefepime-zidebactam, an antibiotic that is currently in phase 3 development and is being produced by an Indian company." An appendix in the letter lists a case report showing how a patient's life was saved using the second drug, which was procured on a compassionate-use basis with permission from the DCGI. Compassionate-use permission reportedly takes at least 48-72 hours to procure.

The letter concludes with an impassioned plea: "Our country has demonstrated remarkable progress in providing EUAs for COVID-19 vaccines, saving hundreds of thousands of lives and setting a shining example for the world. We must now extend the same level of urgency and commitment to saving the lives of patients who may otherwise succumb to infections resistant to all currently available antibiotics."

Fraudsters shatter Canadian dream of Punjab youth

Vikas Vasudeva
CHANDIGARH

Illegal immigration from Punjab is back in the spotlight after Canada set up a task force on Thursday for case-by-case scrutiny of Indians facing deportation due to their entry into the country allegedly using fake college admission offer letters. Most of those affected hail from Punjab, and are heaving sighs of relief over the reprieve from immediate deportation, but their plight has highlighted broader issues.

There is little data on illegal migrants from Punjab, but records of police clearance certificates (PCCs) issued by the State show that immigration in general has been growing at a phenomenal rate over the past decade. The certificates are issued to Indian passport holders in case they have applied for residential status or immigration in a foreign country, or employment or long-term visas.

Data accessed by *The Hindu* shows that over 10 lakh PCCs have been issued in Punjab since 2012. In that year, just 24,334 PCCs were issued; a decade later, in 2022, Punjab issued 1,82,054 PCCs, indicating at least a seven-fold growth in migration. In the first half of 2023 alone, 1,21,593 PCCs have been issued.

As legal migration grows, so does the numbers of those desperate to head abroad by any means, making the State fertile ground for unscrupulous agents.

Cheated by agents

"The youth, obsessed with the allurement of going to foreign countries, is the best bet for the network of intermediaries-agents, who charge a hefty amount of money to send them abroad. Students and their families in several cases ask the agent to arrange for immigration by any 'means'. Amid this, fraudsters and unscrupulous persons dupe many by cheating and commit frauds in the name of sending them abroad. There are unscrupulous persons who sell these youth the 'dream of a better life' in foreign countries. Similarly, for those who are looking for labour-intensive jobs abroad, they are also easy prey for these agents," said Krishan Chand, a former Acting Director-General of the Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, who has co-authored a study on migration from Punjab.

Major exodus: Over 10 lakh police clearance certificates have been issued in Punjab since 2012. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

In the recent case, Canadian authorities in March sought to evict a number of Indians who had entered Canada on student visas in 2017 and 2018 on the basis of fake admission letters. It is unclear how many Indian citizens are affected, but many of them have now completed their studies and are in the process of applying for permanent residency in Canada, which is when their fake admission letters were found. They are pleading innocence, claiming to be victims of immigration consultants who falsified the letters without their knowledge.

Jagtar Chand of Mianwal Araian village in Jalandhar has filed a police complaint against Jalandhar-based immigration consultant Brijesh Mishra, who he alleges is responsible for defrauding his 32-year-old daughter Dimple Kumari. In 2017, she arrived in the Canadian city of Brampton on a student visa, to do a three-year programme in computer science.

"After Dimple reached Canada, the agent informed us that there was some problem going on in the college where my daughter was to be admitted. He told us that there was a strike going on in that college and that he has arranged for my daughter's admission in another college, assuring us that there would be no problem in future," Mr. Chand explained. "But now, when my daughter, after completing her course, applied for permanent residency (PR), the Canadian authorities raised an objection, saying that while Dimple's visa was based on admission to a government college, she instead has completed her studies at a private college."

Mr. Chand sought justice for his daughter. "We paid around ₹11 lakh, including admission fees, to the agent and he played fraud on us for which my daughter is now facing the consequence. I have filed a complaint with the police, and hope we will get justice," he added.

A retired senior officer from the Haryana Overseas Placement Assistance Bureau says the problem is deep-rooted. "... It is a larger issue, as most such actions can't be done in isolation. Checks and balances at different levels of government offices need to be stepped up if cases of fraud are to be contained," he said.

The Punjab government has launched a fresh drive to scrutinise documents of travel and immigration agents across the State, likely to be completed by June 30. "We are taking the necessary steps to tackle this problem," Additional Director General of Police (NRI Affairs) Praveen Sinha said.

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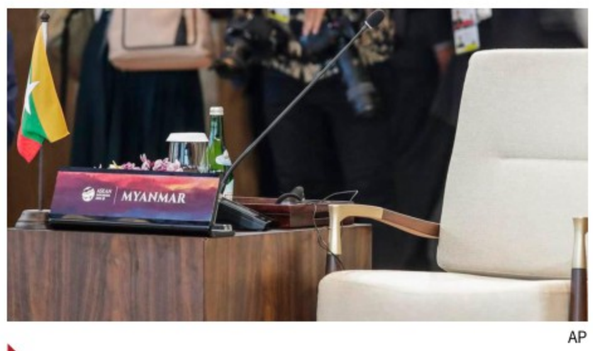
Myanmar Foreign Minister to attend informal talks in Bangkok



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Myanmar on Saturday confirmed the country's Foreign Minister Than Shwe would attend controversial "informal talks" in Bangkok on the coup-hit country's political crisis, as Singapore warned that conditions were not yet right for ASEAN to re-engage the military junta at high-level meetings. AFP

KAMPALA

U.S. imposes visa restrictions for some Ugandans after anti-gay law

AP

Washington on Friday announced it is imposing visa restrictions for Ugandans it accuses of "undermining the democratic process" in Uganda after the enactment of an anti-gay law in the East African country. Uganda's new law, adopted last month, punishes homosexuality, including with the death penalty in some cases. AP

ISLAMABAD

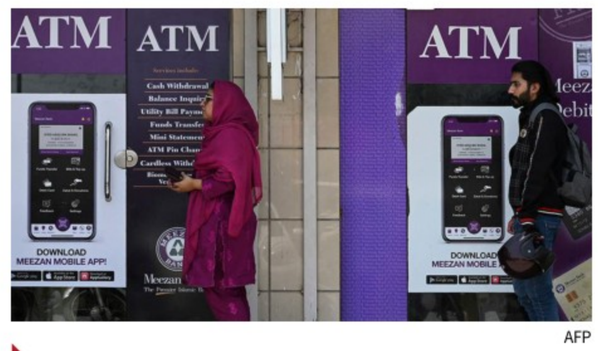
Pakistan PM urges brother Nawaz to head nation for a fourth term

REUTERS

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has urged Nawaz Sharif, his elder brother and the supremo of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), to return from London and lead the poll campaign of the party in the general election and become the premier of the nation for a record fourth time. PTI

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan receives $1 billion from China to boost foreign reserves



AFP

Cash-strapped Pakistan has received %1 billion from its close ally China to support its critically low foreign reserves amidst the uncertainty to revive a stalled International Monetary Fund loan. The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) confirmed having received the amount from China without sharing any other details about it. PTI

Russia repels drone attack on oil pipeline station

Reuters

Russian air defence units repelled a Ukrainian drone attack overnight on a pumping station on the Druzhba oil pipeline in the Bryansk region adjoining Ukraine, the region's Governor said on Saturday.

Three Ukrainian military drones were destroyed in the attack in the Novozybkov district, Alexander Bogomaz wrote on Telegram.

Drone attacks inside Russia have been increasing in recent weeks, frequently targeting energy facilities.

The southern branch of the Soviet-era Druzhba pipeline crosses Ukraine and, despite the conflict there, continues to supply crude oil to Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

'War must end,' South Africa's leader Ramaphosa tells Putin

Russian President interrupts opening remarks by African leaders seeking to mediate the Ukraine conflict and delivers a list of reasons why he believes many of their proposals were misguided

Agence France-Presse
Reuters
MOSCOW

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, who is in Russia as part of a peace-seeking delegation, on Saturday told his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin that the conflict in Ukraine had to stop. "This war must be settled... through negotiations and through diplomatic means," Mr. Ramaphosa said.

He added that his delegation, consisting of seven African leaders, "would like this war to be ended.

"This war is having a negative impact on the African continent and indeed on many other countries around the world," Mr. Ramaphosa said ahead of formal talks with the Russian President.

Self interests: Vladimir Putin, right, shakes hands with Cyril Ramaphosa after a meeting in St. Petersburg on Saturday. REUTERS

Meanwhile, Mr. Putin on Saturday interrupted opening remarks by African leaders seeking to mediate in the Ukraine conflict to deliver a list of reasons why he believed many of their proposals were misguided.

Mr. Putin first welcomed leaders from Senegal, Egypt, Zambia, Uganda, Congo Republic, Comoros and South Africa to the 18th-century Konstantinovsky Palace on the southern shore of the Gulf of Finland, stressing Russia's commitment to the continent.

But after presentations from the Comoran, Senegalese and South African leaders, he stepped in to challenge the assumptions of the plan before the round of comments from all the representatives could go any further.

Mr. Putin reiterated his position that Ukraine and the West had started the conflict long before Russia sent its armed forces over the border in February last year. He said the West, not Russia, was responsible for a sharp rise in global food prices early last year.

Amid limited chances for a breakthrough, Blinken set for China visit to mend ties

Associated Press
BEIJING

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken has embarked on a high-stakes diplomatic trip to China to try to cool down escalating tensions between the two powers that have set many around the world on edge.

Mr. Blinken will be the highest-level American official to visit China since President Joe Biden took office, and the first Secretary of State to make the trip in five years.

Renewed hopes: Antony Blinken boarding a plane for his travel to China at the Joint Base Andrews in Maryland in U.S. on Friday. AP

Little prospects

Yet prospects for any significant breakthrough on the most vexing issues facing the planet's two largest economies are slim, as ties have grown increasingly fraught in recent years.

Mr. Blinken arrives in Beijing on Sunday for two days of talks. He expects to meet with Foreign Minister Qin Gang on Sunday, top diplomat Wang Yi, and possibly Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday, according to U.S. officials.

The list of disagreements and potential conflict points is long: ranging from trade with Taiwan, human rights conditions in China to Hong Kong, as well as the Chinese military assertiveness in the South China Sea to Russia's war in Ukraine.

U.S. officials said before Mr. Blinken's departure from Washington on Friday that he would raise each of them.

Saudi Minister arrives in Tehran amid thaw in ties

Reuters

Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan arrived in Iran on Saturday amid a rapprochement between the two Middle East archfoes. Iran officially reopened its embassy in Saudi Arabia on June 7.

The kingdom broke ties with Iran in 2016 after protesters attacked the Saudi embassy in Tehran in retaliation for Riyadh's execution of a prominent Shiite cleric.

Mr. Bin Farhan is due to meet with Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and his Iranian counterpart Hossein Amirabdollahian.

Saudi Arabia's rapprochement with Iran has left Israel largely alone as it has sought to isolate Iran diplomatically.

Air strikes hit Sudanese capital, killing 17 persons including 5 children

Reuters
DUBAI/CAIRO

Fighting between the Sudanese Army and paramilitary Rapid Support Forces is entering its third month

Air strikes killed civilians and pummelled multiple parts of the Sudanese capital on Saturday, as mediators pushed the warring factions towards a new ceasefire.

Fighting between the Sudanese Army and paramilitary Rapid Support Forces is entering its third month with neither side gaining a clear advantage.

The war has displaced 2.2 million Sudanese and killed hundreds, and has sent the war-weary Darfur region into a "humanitarian calamity," the United Nations has said.

The Army has air power advantage in Khartoum and its neighbouring cities Omdurman and Bahri, while the RSF has embedded itself in residential neighbourhoods. The Army appeared to ramp up air strikes on Friday and Saturday, hitting several residential neighbourhoods.

In a speech posted by the Army on Friday, top general Yassir Al-Atta warned people to stay away from homes the RSF had occupied. "Because at this point, we will attack them anywhere," he said to cheers. "Between us and these rebels are bullets," he said, appearing to dismiss mediation attempts.

The Khartoum Health Ministry said that 17 persons including five children were killed in the Mayo area of southern Khartoum.

String of attacks

The strike was the latest in a series of air and artillery attacks on the poor and densely populated district of the city where most residents are unable to afford the cost of leaving.

Late on Friday, the local resistance committee said 13 persons had been killed by shelling in al-Lammab in western Khartoum, calling the neighborhood an "operations zone".

The RSF on Saturday said it brought down an Army warplane in the Nile, west of Khartoum.

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Online tenders are invited through e-Procurement mode for Item wise Rate Contract from the manufacturers/ distributors/ dealers through e-procurement portal for the procurement of Chemicals / Kits / Glasswares / Clinical Lab consumables, etc. for awarding of Rate Contract for an initial period of one year and the estimated cost of the Tender is Rs.30.00 Lakhs. The Tender document is available on https:// eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app from 10:00 am by 17.06.2023 and the last date for submission of bid will be 06.07.2023 by 03:00 pm. The Tender details is also available in our CCRS website **http://siddhacouncil.com/**

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Trivandrum Division
E-Tender Notice No.V/W/TVC/14/2023 Dated 15/06/2023

For and on behalf of President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager/Works Branch/ Trivandrum Division, Trivandrum-14 invites ONLINE tenders for the following works as per tender notice and Complete details are given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Sl. No	Description	Approx. value Rs. (In lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit Rs.	Period of completion in months
1	Assistant Divisional Engineer/Ernakulam: Engaging of semi skilled labour by outsourcing for monsoon night patrolling	38.20	76400	Three
2	Divisional Engineer/South/Trivandrum Engaging of semi skilled labour by outsourcing for monsoon night patrolling	48.11	96200	Six

Tender Closing date and time: Sl No: 1 to 2: 29/06/2023 at 11 .00 hrs
Note: It is the responsibility of the tenderer to check any Corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in website; the same shall be taken into account while submitting.

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Construction Organization, Ernakulam Jn

1.Tender Notice No: 12-CE-CN-ERS-2023-OT Dated 11.06.2023.
Name of work: Proposed earth work etc in Jokatte (incl.) and Thokkur (incl.) stations.
Tender Value: Rs.3126.37 Lakhs
Bid Security: Rs.1713200/-
Completion Period: 15 Months
Date and time of tender closing: 12/07/2023

2.Tender Notice No: 13-CE-CN-ERS-2023-OT Dated 11.06.2023.
Name of work: Proposed construction of major bridges etc in Thiruvananthapuram and Nemam
Tender Value: Rs. 2287.09 Lakhs
Bid Security: Rs.1293600/-
Completion Period: 18 Months.
Date and time of tender closing: 12/07/2023

3 Tender Notice No 14-CE-CN-ERS-2023-OT Dated 11.06.2023.
Name of work: Proposed reconstruction of Foot Over Bridge, Road over bridge between Parassala and Eraniel stations.
Tender Value: Rs. 1332.39 Lakhs
Bid Security Rs.816200/-
Completion Period: 18 Months.
Date and time of tender closing: 12/07/2023

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Madurai Division
Tender Notice No: U-TRD-OT-23-24-VII dated 15.06.2023

For and on behalf of The President of India, Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, Southern Railway, Madurai – 625016 invites E-Tenders from reputed contractors for the under mentioned works.

Tender No & Name of the Work:
U-TRD-OT-23-24-VII-1:
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Approx. Tender Value (₹): 65,69,419.13
Bid Security (₹): 1,31,400.00
Cost of Tender Form(₹): 5,600.00
Completion Period: 36 Months
***Eligibility criteria is applicable for this tender.**
Tender Closing Date & Time: 07.07.2023 & 15:00 hours

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1	Tender ID	2023_DJB_243080_1
2	Place of Availability of Tender Document (RFP)	The Detailed RFP can be downloaded from e-procurement portal of Delhi Government through link: eTendering System Government of NCT of Delhi
3	**Earnest Money**	Rs. 02 Crore only (INR) through RTGS/NEFT via Sab-Paisa
4	**Tender Fee**	Rs. 1500/- only (INR) through RTGS/NEFT via Sab-Paisa
5	**Last Date of Submission for written queries for clarification through e-mail**	22.06.2023 up to 05.00 PM on e-mail Id mentioned below: dir-rev.djb@nic.in
6	**Date of Pre-Bid Meeting**	27.06.2023 at 11.00 AM in Conference Hall No. 1, Delhi Jal Board (HQ), Varunalaya Phase 2 Jhandewalan, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005
7	**Last Date & Time for submission of Bids (Technical and Financial Bids)**	18.07.2023 up to 03:00 P.M
8	**Opening of Technical Bids**	18.07.2023 up to 04.00 PM
9	**Opening of Financial Bid**	Date of Financial Bid opening will be informed later.
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'God save the queen,' says Biden, baffling audience

Agence France-Presse
WEST HARTFORD

Joe Biden on Friday left Americans scratching their heads with an off-the-cuff remark that was, well, royally unusual for a U.S. President: "God save the queen, man!"

What he meant, which queen he was referring to, and why he threw in what sounded like the traditional patriotic British cry, no one could immediately tell.

Queen Elizabeth II, whom Mr. Biden met, died in September 2022 and was replaced by a king – her son Charles.

Mr. Biden had just completed an impassioned speech at the National Safer Communities Summit in Connecticut on getting Congress to toughen gun ownership laws when he made the remark from the stage.

Slip up: Joe Biden at the National Safer Communities Summit in West Hartford, Connecticut, in the U.S. on Friday. AFP

The pool journalist responsible for following the President all day on his travels couldn't help. He messaged the worldwide group of outlets receiving pool reports: "Several of you have asked me why he might have said that. I have no idea."

That the President tacked on a classic down-to-earth Bidenism – "man" – didn't help either. Later, White House Principal Deputy Press Secretary Olivia Dalton somewhat cleared up the mystery, telling reporters that Mr. Biden had been "commenting to someone in the crowd." The queen of Connecticut, however, was not immediately identified.

Multiple spaceflight with shorter recovery time affects brain

The Hindu Bureau

Spaceflight experience, in particular longer missions and shorter inter-mission recovery time, induce fluid changes in the brain that may not return to normal before subsequent flights, reports a study published in *Scientific Reports*. Ventricles – cavities in the brain filled with cerebrospinal fluid, expands increasingly with longer spaceflight missions up to six months, and inter-mission intervals of less than three years may not allow sufficient time for the ventricles to fully recover.

Spaceflight induces widespread changes in the brain including ventricle volume expansion, but it is unclear if these changes differ with varying mission–duration or number of previous spaceflight missions. Rachael Seidler and colleagues scanned the brains of 30 astronauts using MRI–pre- and post-spaceflight, including those on two-week missions, six-month missions and longer. They found that longer spaceflight missions resulted in greater ventricular enlargement, which tapered off after six months in space.

There were no statistically reliable associations between the number of previous missions completed and post-flight gray matter volume shifts or ventricular volume changes. The authors found that for 11 astronauts who had more than three years to recover in between missions, there was an associated increase in ventricle volume after their most recent mission.

The authors found that in seven astronauts who had a shorter recovery time in between missions, there was little to no enlargement of the ventricles–post-flight compared to pre-flight. They propose that less than three years between spaceflights may not be enough time to allow ventricles to recover their compensatory capacity to accommodate the increase in intracranial fluid and they remain enlarged when the astronauts return to space within this time frame.

"Among the experienced astronauts, the number of years since the previous mission was significantly associated with post-flight volume changes for all four ventricles. Longer time between successive missions was associated with greater increase in left and right lateral and third ventricle volumes following spaceflight. The fourth ventricle showed the opposite pattern with longer inter-mission delays being associated with greater volumetric decreases following spaceflight," they write.

As the frequency and duration of spaceflight increases, the findings shows how spaceflight experience, both may influence the brain.

Cooler days, warmer nights in Bhubaneswar, Cuttack

The increase in relatively cooler regions during the daytime has been from 27% and 40% (2001-2010) to 73% and 63% (2011-2020) in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, respectively

R. Prasad

A recent study by researchers from the School of Earth Ocean and Climate Sciences at IIT Bhubaneswar has found that increased urbanisation of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack has led to increased land surface temperature in the last 20 years (2001-2020). While there has been an increase in relatively cooler regions over these cities during daytime, the reverse is seen during night time. During the night, both cities have been witnessing increased urban heat island effect. As a result, there has been a reduced daytime and night time temperature difference. The results of the study have been published in the journal *Environment, Development and Sustainability*.

"The urban areas of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack are about 0.75 degree Celsius and 1.22 degree Celsius warmer than the surrounding rural areas.. The core city area is warmer than the recently developed suburban regions. The temperature changes over the last two decades have been more rapid in the suburban areas in the two cities, and suburbs experience almost twice the warming than by the entire city," says Dr. V. Vinoj, who is the corresponding authors of the paper. The daytime land surface temperature for Bhubaneswar and Cuttack was over 32°C.

The increase in relatively cooler regions during the daytime has been from 27% and 40% (2001-2010) to 73% and 63% (2011-2020) in both the cities. This can be attributed to an almost 2.7 and 1.6 times increase in the cooler fractional land cover during the daytime. However, studies published in 2020 and 2021 have reported a similar phenomenon for both urban and surrounding non-urban regions in Pune.

Intriguing

"It is not clear why there is a decline in daytime land surface temperature," says Dr. Vinoj. "This decline may be due to multiple reasons, but we have still not explored them. They may be due to an increase in clouds, increased air pollution/haziness, increased vegetation or any other things. Further analysis is required to determine the major factors driving such changes. But warming during night time is only affected by heat emitted by surface. Urban areas due to their ability to trap heat emits them slowly leading to a warming pattern above cities," he added.

In contrast, there has been a clear increase in night time temperature leading to 0.75°C surface urban heat island intensity (SUHI) during the night in Bhubaneswar and 1.22°C increase in SUHI for Cuttack. The two cities have recorded a growth rate of 0.18°C and 0.13°C per decade during the night. The night time land surface temperature reached a maximum of over 23°C. The largest changes in trend can be seen in the city's periphery as a result of urban sprawl.

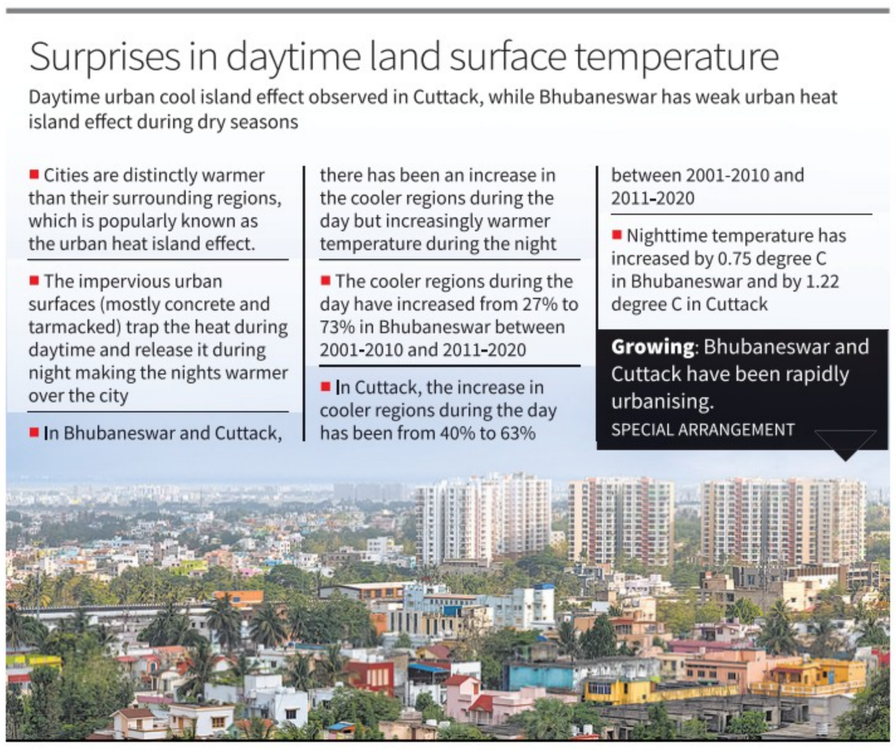
Possible reasons

The changing patterns and the features of urban induced warming is quite clear during night time, but a bit tricky during daytime.

For example, a daytime urban cool island is observed over Cuttack during winter and pre-monsoon seasons. Such urban cool islands have been reported previously over the cities in arid and semi-arid regions. "We find that the unique geographic location of Cuttack, surrounded by rivers which dries up during pre-monsoon and winter months, exposes the sand beds (creating a desert city like condition) leading to this phenomenon with more warming in the surrounding regions," says Dr. Vinoj. "Bhubaneswar is also seen to have weak daytime heat island effect during the dry seasons with decreased green cover in the surrounding areas. Nights are warmer over the cities compared with the surrounding regions whereas during daytime, surrounding regions are warming along with the cities."

During the period 2001-2010, the area with night time land surface temperature–higher than the 20-year climatological value for Bhubaneswar and Cuttack was 37% and 48%. But it increased to nearly 60% and 63% between 2011-2020. It indicates a higher expansion in the hotspot area for Bhubaneswar compared with Cuttack. "The higher increase seen in Bhubaneswar is due to unconstrained growth compared with Cuttack, where the growth is constrained by the rivers surrounding it," says Soumya Satyakanta Sethi, a PhD student and the first author of the paper.

"Changes of this kind even in tier-2 cities show that urban heat island effect is not restricted to larger cities. But it also provides hope that with proper urban planning, newer and smaller developing cities can reduce urban heat island effect, and hence the vulnerability to heat in the future," Dr. Vinoj says.



Monkeypox outbreaks in Asia-Pacific region

Vinod Scaria
Bani Jolly

Over a month ago, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Mpox, the global health emergency over. Even though cumulative cases across the world continue to decline, there has been an increase in reported cases from some countries, particularly in Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific Region.

What is monkeypox?

Monkeypox, or Mpox, is a viral disease that primarily spread to the human population through zoonotic spillovers, with rodents and primates serving as potential reservoirs. Mpox can be transmitted between humans through close contact and exposure to infected bodily fluids or lesions. Sexual contact is also believed to contribute to the spread of the disease particularly among certain demographics.

Mpox was a rare infection that was predominantly restricted to some countries in Africa until early 2022, when a rise in cases across the globe where the disease was not endemic, particularly in Europe and North America. According to WHO, over 87,000 cases of Mpox have been reported to date since January 2022, including 146 deaths.

Global situation update

In recent weeks, overall global cases of Mpox have been decreasing, but some regions are seeing an increase in reported cases. In the European region, new cases have been reported from Spain and the U.K. But the large European and North American outbreaks observed in 2022 have been brought under control through vaccination campaigns and increasing awareness about the disease. The global situation of Mpox is, however, far from being resolved, with an increasing number of reports from new countries. Significant impacts observed in Southeast Asia and Western Pacific region.

In June 2023, China reported four cases of Mpox –two from Beijing and two from Guangzhou – raising concerns about the spread of the disease in the country. Two cases were also reported from Sri Lanka, in patients who had a travel history to Dubai. Earlier this year, Mpox was also detected in Thailand, Taiwan, Pakistan and Japan. Incidentally, several cases have a travel history to the Middle East, however, reports from Middle East do not indicate an increase in the number of cases.

Of concern: Increasing number of cases are being reported from Southeast Asia and Western Pacific region. AP

Mpox being reported from newer territories is worrisome as the disease is potentially expanding its reach through an undetected spread, posing new challenges in its containment efforts.

Cause for concern

The lack of a corresponding surge in reported cases suggests that there may be challenges in accurately capturing and documenting cases in the Middle East, suggesting that there may be challenges in detecting cases in the region. This also highlights the need for improved reporting mechanisms to obtain a more comprehensive understanding of the situation in the Middle East. Meanwhile, the African region has also experienced a surge in cases, notably in Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Nigeria.

Amidst increased globalisation and travel, the need for global public health efforts, cooperation, and resource sharing has never been more crucial. Genomic surveillance of the monkeypox pathogen allows for contact tracing and monitoring of its evolution. There is a noticeable lack of genomic data from developing countries, particularly in Asia.

As we move forward from the global pandemic, it is crucial to remain vigilant and prepared for future challenges, taking proactive measures to curb infections and protect vulnerable populations.

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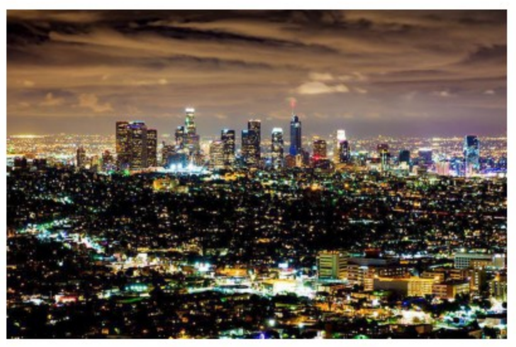
SNAPSHOTS

Overfishing is driving coral reef sharks toward extinction

Five of the most common shark species living in coral reefs have declined 60-73%, according to a global study. Some individual shark species were not found at 34-47% of the reefs. The likely cause could be overfishing, which removed both the sharks themselves and the prey they depend on. As shark numbers decline, ray species are increasing on the reefs. Shark-dominated reefs persist in protected marine sanctuaries, while rays dominate the reef communities in areas of poverty and limited governance.



Increasing light pollution has long-term implications

Researchers are documenting the impact of light pollution on ecosystems, human health, and culture. It impacts the environment and causes habitat loss, disruption of food webs, and declining insect populations and is responsible for substantial greenhouse gas emissions. Artificial light at night has variable and complex impacts on plants, animals, and entire ecosystems (*Science*). Some species respond to light pollution, making it difficult to mitigate the negative impacts of light across an ecosystem.

Leaf patterning in early plants differs from living species

The arrangement of leaves and reproductive structures on the stems of some of the earliest leafy plants does not follow the same pattern as most living land plants, according to reconstructions of early Devonian fossils (*Science*). It sheds light on the evolution of leaf patterning and the origin of leaves. According to researchers, leaves and reproductive structures occurred in the same phyllotactic series, which adds to the evidence that, leaves evolved from reproductive structures in early plants.

Question Corner

Stress-eating link

Does chronic stress drive the brain to crave comfort food?

Researchers have found (Neuron) that stress can override the brain's natural response to satiety, leading to non-stop reward signals that promote eating more highly palatable food. This occurred in a part of the brain called the lateral habenula, which when activated usually dampens these reward signals. While some people eat less during times of stress, most will eat more than usual and choose calorie-rich options high in sugar and fat. To understand what drives these eating habits, the researchers investigated in mouse models–how different areas in the brain responded to chronic stress under various diets. According to Dr Kenny Chi Kin Ip from the Garvan Institute, an area known as the lateral habenula, was active in mice on a short-term, high-fat diet to protect the animal from overeating. However, when mice were chronically stressed, this part of the brain remained silent. This allows the reward signals to stay active and encourage feeding for pleasure, by no longer responding to satiety regulatory signals.

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

What's the India, U.S. initiative on future tech?

Will the Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology get a boost during Modi's visit to the U.S.?

Sumeda

The story so far:

Earlier this week, India and the United States unveiled a roadmap for enhanced collaboration in high-technology areas, with a focus on addressing regulatory barriers and aligning export controls for smoother trade and "deeper cooperation" in critical areas. This was part of the Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET) announced by President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Narendra Modi last year. National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval and his American counterpart Jake Sullivan, who visited India this week to prepare the ground for the Prime Minister's state visit to the U.S. from June 21, reviewed the progress of the initiative at the second track 1.5 dialogue on iCET on Tuesday.

What is iCET?

The Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies is a framework agreed upon by India and the U.S. for cooperation on critical and emerging technologies in areas including artificial intelligence, quantum computing, semiconductors and wireless telecommunication. It was launched in January this year to strengthen their strategic partnership and drive technology and defence cooperation. Mr. Modi and Mr. Biden first announced the framework on the sidelines of the Quad meeting in Tokyo in May 2022. "The United States and India affirm that the ways in which technology is designed, developed, governed, and used should be shaped by our shared democratic values and respect for universal human rights. We are committed to fostering an open, accessible, and secure technology ecosystem, based on mutual trust and confidence, that will reinforce our democratic values and democratic institutions," the White House said.

> The iCET roadmap envisages India and the U.S. cooperating on critical and emerging technologies in areas including artificial intelligence, quantum computing, semiconductors and wireless telecommunication

What are the focus areas of the initiative?

Primarily, the iCET seeks to position New Delhi and Washington D.C. as "trusted technology partners" to build supply chains and support the co-production and co-development of items. A White House fact sheet released after the inaugural dialogue gives a broad outline of areas the two countries intend to explore to expand the depth of tech partnership and cooperation between their governments, businesses, and academic institutions.

Key takeaways include setting up a research agency partnership to drive collaboration in areas like AI; developing a new defence industrial cooperation roadmap to accelerate technological cooperation for joint development and production; developing common standards in AI; developing a roadmap to accelerate defence technological cooperation and 'innovation bridge' to connect defence startups; supporting the development of a semiconductor ecosystem; strengthening cooperation on human spaceflight; advancing cooperation on development in 5G and 6G; and adopting OpenRAN network technology in India.

What has been the progress so far?

India and the U.S. have made "significant progress" in several key areas identified for collaboration since the launch of iCET, a likely outcome of multiple high-profile visits and talks between officials and stakeholders over the past year. As Mr. Doval mentioned in the second round of iCET talks, the two countries have already put in place the Quantum Coordination Mechanism, launched a public-private dialogue (PDD) on telecommunication to drive collaboration in OpenRAN, 5G and 6G, and held "important exchanges" on AI and space. In March, India and the U.S. signed an MoU on establishing a semiconductor supply chain that paved the way for creating a semiconductor sub-committee to review recommendations from an industry-led task force launched in connection with the iCET.

On the defence front, the two countries are close to concluding a mega jet engine deal, with a final announcement expected during Mr. Modi's visit.

In addition, a new initiative to advance cutting-edge technology cooperation, known as the India-U.S. Defence Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS-X), is set to be launched during the visit. India and the U.S. have also concluded a roadmap for 'Defence Industrial Cooperation' to guide the policy direction for the next few years. The two countries have also established a Strategic Trade Dialogue to remove regulatory "barriers" and review existing export control norms to take forward strategic technology and trade collaborations envisaged under iCET.

Both the NSAs express optimism that the initiative will achieve more specific and tangible results in the near future.

How can India tackle its diabetes burden?

Why is it imperative to launch awareness campaigns for control of blood sugar and periodic check-ups, stick to the recommended drug regimen and reinforce healthy habits? How can pre-diabetics keep diabetes at bay?

Ramya Kannan

The story so far:

There was great interest in the results of the largest, long-term (2008-2020) study on metabolic factors in the Indian subcontinent as part of the ICMR-InDiab study published in *The Lancet* (by Anjana Ranjit Mohan et al) last week. It was launched in 2008 to estimate the country's NCD (chronic non-communicable diseases) burden, and done over five phases between 2008 and 2020 across the country, with each phase covering five States (all seven northeastern States were covered in one phase). Individuals aged over 20 were recruited for the door-to-door survey and 1.24 lakh individuals were part of the survey.

What are the key findings?

It estimated that about 11% of the population is diabetic, and 15.3 % of the country is in the pre-diabetic stage. Given that the study was conducted in the most populous nation in the world, the actual numbers are naturally staggering. As per these estimates, 101.3 million people in the country are diabetic, and in the pre-diabetes stage, there are another 136 million people. Questions are being raised about whether this constitutes an emergent crisis in India and of the urgent methods that need to be employed to handle this situation, and control possible burgeoning of these numbers in the future. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), about 422 million people worldwide have diabetes, and 1.5 million deaths are directly attributed to the disease each year. Both the number of cases and the prevalence of diabetes have been increasing, and there is a globally agreed target to halt the rise in diabetes and obesity by 2025, according to the WHO.

> In metabolic lifestyle disorders like diabetes, prevention is key

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What are the implications of these statistics?

The thing with metabolic lifestyle disorders, is that with some attention, it is possible to ward off severe complications and a morbid state of life; it is also possible to ensure that the 136 million at the pre-diabetic stage do not proceed to diabetes. "Prevention is key, and here is the window of opportunity," says V. Mohan, Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, which conducted the study funded by the Indian Council of Medical Research. "There is a window of possibility open in a couple of areas and we need to seize it," he explains. He believes the anchor of any intervention programme should be 'prevention' – in the case of diabetics, the aim has to be to prevent the onset of life-threatening complications; and in the case of pre-diabetics, all efforts must be taken to prevent the progress to diabetes, and in rural areas, where the prevalence is still low, the aim should be to keep it that way.

There are multiple studies that show that poor control of blood sugar leads to complications – cardiovascular disease, kidney disease, neuropathy, blindness, and lower-extremity amputation – which then become a significant cause of increased morbidity and mortality. The question is whether any nation will be equipped to provide comprehensive care to all diabetics who develop complications in the course of living with diabetes. While it is sensible to ensure that there are sufficient facilities to treat the complications, the sagacious approach would be to launch public awareness campaigns on using lifestyle modifications to keep blood sugar within acceptable limits and complications at bay, Dr. Mohan says. Education on a mass scale should be launched across the country for control and periodic check-ups, sticking to the recommended drug regimen and reinforcing health-seeking behaviour, he stresses.

Dr. Mohan explains that while doing the study, researchers encountered a strange phenomenon – that the conversion from pre-diabetes to diabetes was faster in India, in some cases even within six months. So immediate attention must be paid to promoting a healthy lifestyle that would lead to retarding the speed of progress to diabetes, or even prevent movement to diabetes. Urban India accounts for 16.4% of the prevalence while in the rural population the prevalence is 8.9%. Though the prevalence is lower now, this is an area where the possibility for prevention is greater. As traditional lifestyles change and more modern practices take over, it is essential to once again stress on maintaining a healthy diet, getting sufficient moderate to vigorous exercise and periodic testing for those with risk factors and after a certain age group, experts point out.

Periodic epidemiological screening programmes are very important, they say, to catch new diabetics and bring them into the protective net.

Were there any surprises during the study?

The impression, even among researchers, was that the prevalence was high only in metro cities, Dr. Mohan says, adding that they were quite surprised to find that it was similar, or growing in 2-3 tier cities.

In Kerala, said to be top among States with better social development indicators, the prevalence in rural areas had escalated to supersede that in urban areas.

This is a side-effect of progress, one that States should be careful to watch over, experts add.

All the northeastern States were covered in one phase, and the surprises included high prevalence in Tripura and Sikkim. While in Tripura, it was averred that the ethnic composition of the State was different from that of the other States in the region, being populated with Bengalis, leading to a high rate of 13% prevalence; in Sikkim where the prevalence of diabetes and pre-diabetes (31 %) was high, it was put down to its smaller size and relatively better socio-economic indicators there.

What is the way forward?

Dr. Mohan says there is a plan to do a cross-sectional study to gauge the actual incidence in the community. "What we did was an estimation. For example, in Tamil Nadu, we had the figures from a decade back and that was extrapolated as projections for 2020. We will now do a current study to find out how many actually are diabetic. Now we also intend to go back to the same people – people who then tested as diabetic to see how they have progressed, to assess their quality of life, and see if they have developed complications. The pre-diabetics in that study will also be approached to see how many of them have converted to the next stage, and among people who were not diabetic a decade ago, to follow up on their status now."

Some of the islands and Union Territories that could not be covered during the study will now be included in the study.

Experts have also indicated tie-ups as part of the public-private partnership mode to involve the larger community in supporting detection and treatment for diabetes.

What does the alleged CoWIN data leak reveal?

What are the possible reasons for a breach? Are legacy systems the weak links in the chain? Is this the first time this has happened? Does India have a data protection bill? What has been the response of the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team?

John Xavier

The story so far:

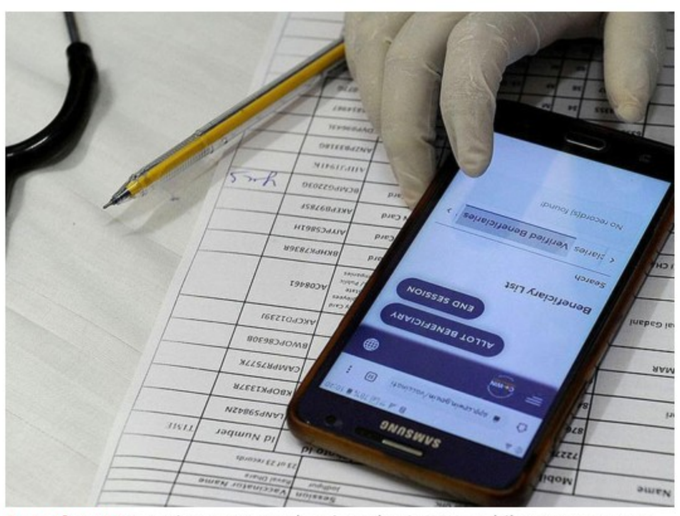
On June 12, reports emerged that a bot on the messaging platform Telegram was allegedly returning personal data of Indian citizens who registered with the COVID-19 vaccine intelligence network (CoWIN) portal for vaccination purposes. The bot spewed out personal details like name, Aadhaar and passport numbers upon entry of phone numbers. On the same day, the Health Ministry denied reports of a data breach, and said the allegations were "mischievous in nature." It added that the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) was reviewing existing security infrastructure of the portal. Separately, the Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said the nodal cyber security agency had reviewed the alleged breach and found that the CoWIN platform was not "directly breached."

What does the CoWIN portal track?

CoWIN is a government-owned web portal set up in 2021 to administer and manage India's COVID-19 vaccine rollout. The health register-style platform leverages existing public digital infrastructure like the Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN), an app that provides data on vaccine cold chains in the country; Digital Infrastructure for Verifiable Open Credentialing (DIVOC), a vaccine certificate issuer; and Surveillance and Action for Events Following Vaccination (SAFE-VAC), a vaccine adverse event tracker.

> There are gaps in the infrastructure which allow hackers to gain entry into a database

The platform, on a real-time basis, tracks vaccines and beneficiaries at the national, State, and district levels. It monitors vaccine utilisation and wastage, and maintains an inventory of the vials. For citizens, CoWIN verifies identity, helps schedule vaccine appointments, and issues a vaccine certificate. The database captures information flowing from four separate input streams – citizen registration; health centres; vaccine inventory; and vaccine certificates. Each stream functions independently, and at the same time exchanges data to minimise redundancies. The platform is a microservices-based, cloud-native architecture developed from the ground up on Amazon Web Services (AWS). A microservice architecture is a pattern that arranges an application as a collection of loosely linked, fine-grained services. These services interact with each other through certain set protocols.



Data threat: A vaccinator enters data into the CoWIN mobile app. FILE PHOTO

What is the background to the data breach?

This is not the first time reports about data leaks have emerged. In January 2022, the personal data of thousands of people in India were reportedly leaked from a government server. The information included COVID-19 test results, phone numbers, names and addresses of citizens. The data could be accessed via online search. In December, in a separate security breach, an Iranian hacker claimed to be in possession of data from the CoWIN database.

Both the reports of the data leak were rubbished by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). There is no record of any investigation being carried out by CERT-In in connection with these data leaks. Even the vulnerability notes which the nodal cybersecurity agency shared on a regular basis made no reference to these breaches.

On the recent data leak, though the IT Minister said that CERT-In has completed review and found no breach in the CoWIN system, the cybersecurity agency has not directly put out any update that it is either investigating or has filed a review on the breach. However, a report in *The Indian Express* said the agency is in discussion with at least 11 State governments that had developed their own databases.

How did the Telegram bot get access to CoWIN-related data?

There are few ways to look into this data breach to know where things could have gone wrong. Cloud providers like AWS, Microsoft's Azure and Google Cloud typically provide security only for the underlying infrastructure, and not for securing the applications and databases. Customers hosting their data are responsible for what they build in a cloud environment. The absence of AWS in CERT-In's vulnerability notes last year could mean there was no security lapse at the cloud infrastructure's end.

While the cloud offers superior security compared to traditional data centres, legacy systems deployed in virtual servers are the weak links in the chain. Such links are a perfect route for hackers to gain entry into a database. This shifts the focus to CoWIN, which was built leveraging legacy software tools. So, an entry point for those behind the bot may have been an old system that was connected to the portal.

In past data breaches, cybersecurity experts have attributed data leaks to human error or negligence in setting up databases in the cloud. Misconfiguring a system, or involvement of third-party apps with limited privacy features, could have also exposed user data to unauthorised people.

What is the larger picture?

Whatever the outcome of the CERT-In probe, the fact remains that sensitive personal data of millions of Indian citizens who signed up for the COVID-19 vaccination is in the hands of cybercriminals. It is unclear how they plan to use this information. But such leaks reveal India's unfinished data protection business. A data protection law could be a useful tool in fixing accountability and building safeguards around the use and processing of personal data.

In 2017, the Supreme Court of India recognised privacy as a fundamental right, highlighting the need to protect personal information. But the country is still struggling to frame a personal data protection policy.

PROFILES

Banking on China

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Canada's comment that it would conduct an 'expeditious' review of its involvement in the AIIB has underlined the continuing shadow of politics over the functioning of the multilateral lender in which China holds the most voting power with 26.58%

Ananth Krishnan

PHOTO: AFP

Canada's decision to "immediately halt" its involvement in the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has brought the spotlight to the inner workings of the Beijing-based multilateral development bank.

The announcement by Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland that Ottawa would conduct an "expeditious" review of its involvement in the bank followed the sudden resignation of a Canadian executive who led the bank's global public relations team and said the bank was being "dominated" by members of China's ruling Communist Party. Chinese officials rejected those claims as "outright lies" and "sensational hype".

The recent controversy has underlined the continuing shadow of politics over the functioning of the bank, which was started in 2016 with 57 founding members. The membership has now grown to more than 100 countries. China holds the most voting power with 26.58%, having contributed $27 billion. India is the bank's second largest shareholder with a 7.6% voting power, and committed $8 billion.

The bank has often been billed as a "rival" to the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), but that widely used description largely overstates its capacities. Indeed, the bank's founding members viewed it more as a vehicle to fulfil a growing need for development finance in the region. The "competitive" element has also been somewhat exaggerated considering many of the bank's early projects have been those that were co-funded with the World Bank or the ADB, particularly in the bank's early years when its capacities to evaluate projects was limited, although the share of co-funded projects has decreased.

The AIIB was, at the same time, no doubt a diplomatic coup of sorts for China, which was able to launch the bank and attract countries, including India, that were wary of China's other significant development initiative – President Xi Jinping's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

At the bank's launch in 2016, Mr. Xi said the goal was for "member states [to] act in strict compliance with multilateral procedures, making sure that the AIIB becomes a truly international, rule-based and high-standard institution". The idea was "to give impetus to economic growth in Asia and the wider world". Mr. Xi also noted that the "founding and opening of the AIIB also means a great deal to the reform of the global economic governance system" and would "help make the global economic governance system more just, equitable and effective."

Among the countries that joined the bank were the U.K. and Germany, both of which ignored a prominent push by the U.S. discouraging its partners and allies from doing so. After China and India, Russia holds the bank's third largest voting power (5.97%), followed by Germany (4.15%), South Korea (3.49%), Australia (3.45%), France (3.17%), Indonesia (3.16%) and the U.K. (2.89%). China was able to get on board countries, including India, that were wary of the BRI and stayed away from that initiative, by setting up a clear structure for the bank's functioning – even though the bank's host, China, retained a crucial above-25% voting share that would give it an effective veto on key decisions that require 75% approval.

India's rationale

In explaining India's rationale for joining the China-founded AIIB but staying away from the BRI, officials at the time said the two initiatives were neither comparable nor linked in any way. The first initiative, in India's view, was not only merely a domestic initiative of China's but one that was also violating India's sovereignty by including within its scope the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) running from Xinjiang through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Participating in it was hence out of the question.

Moreover, as far as the AIIB was concerned, Indian officials were satisfied with the early discussions in the period from 2013 until 2016 that were focused on ensuring the AIIB remained multilateral, transparent and governed by laws, in contrast to the opaque BRI that has no formal governance structure as such. India also saw a welcome opportunity for securing development financing.

The bank's President is China's Jin Liqun, who earlier served as Vice President of the Asian Development Bank and is a former Vice Finance Minister. India's Urjit Patel, former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, is among the five Vice Presidents, and in his role, oversees all lending in South and Southeast Asia.

Since its launch, the bank has largely tried to keep a low profile and stay away from politics, and its lending has sought to focus on promoting green projects in the region.

But avoiding politics hasn't always been easy. Among the political questions faced by the bank, particularly since 2020, is the worsening relations between its two biggest shareholders, China and India.

Months into the Line of Actual Crisis, Mr. Jin said publicly that the bank would not involve itself in any problems between its members, and pointedly noted that the bank had lent more to India than any other country. As of 2020, he said, India had secured around 25% of the total loans, accounting for $4.35 billion of the total $19.6 billion that had been granted to 87 projects in 24 countries. The major projects in India include $438 million for Chennai Metro Rail Phase 2, $378 million for the Chennai Peripheral Ring Road (Sections 2 and 3), and $320 million to improve Assam's secondary road network.

Impact of Ukraine war

Russia's invasion of Ukraine was another political challenge. The AIIB shortly announced after the invasion that it had put on hold all activities related to Russia, its third biggest member.

The bank's headquarters in Beijing, however, has meant that questions about China's influence have continued to swirl, including the recent allegations of Communist Party control. In an interview with *The Hindu* in 2020, D.J. Pandian, former Chief Secretary in Gujarat who spent six years working for the bank, including as Vice President, until 2022, strongly rejected descriptions of the bank as "Chinese" by members of the Opposition in India who had at the time criticised the Narendra Modi government for its involvement with the "Chinese bank".

"We are very, very, apolitical," he said. "We are a multilateral bank of 103 members, of which 77 are active members. All of Europe are Bank members. Canada, Australia, New Zealand are also members. The Vice President of Investment Operations is an Indian...."

On whether India-China tensions would affect the bank's functioning, Mr. Pandian said, "We are apolitical. Our decisions are based on the merit of the project, not on what is happening, or on internal or external problems."

"This [criticism]," he noted, "is a lesson for us, that we need to educate people about what the bank really is."

THE GIST

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From villain to anti-hero

V. Senthilbalaji

The Tamil Nadu Minister arrested by the ED continues to enjoy the backing of CM Stalin, who accuses the Union government of using Central agencies to intimidate political opponents

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In Tamil Nadu, some politicians crave for the attention accorded to a groom while attending weddings and seek to be the focal point even in a funeral home. V. Senthilbalaji, 47, Minister in the M.K. Stalin Cabinet, hospitalised following his recent arrest by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in an alleged money laundering case, is different. He is among those who would position themselves as the groom's best man or a pall bearer; someone who cannot be ignored or dislodged.

He is resourceful enough to know how to please the chef to get the buttered side of the bread. Otherwise, it would not have been possible for a party-hopper, in whose political dictionary the term "loyalty" does not exist, to gain proximity to the leadership everywhere.

Hailing from Karur in western Tamil Nadu, Mr. Senthilbalaji, in over 25 years, has switched parties five times. Starting off as student politician in Vaiko's Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (MDMK), he moved to its parent outfit, DMK, before joining the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam by the turn of the millennium.

In 2011, then Chief Minister Jayalalithaa appointed him Transport Minister. Such was the confidence in him that in 2014 when Jayalalithaa was jailed in a corruption case, his name was floated as a probable to succeed her.

Mr. Senthilbalaji tonsured his head and carried a fire pot to propitiate deities for her release. She returned in 2015. But for him, it brought bad tidings as she dropped him from the Cabinet.

During the 2016 Assembly election campaign, Mr. Stalin hit out at him, saying, "There was a Minister in this district, Senthilbalaji... He has Karur under his control in terms of looting, corruption and taking bribes. Charges of abduction and land grabbing against him are in court. Is it not just one or two, there are so many charges."

Mr. Stalin had no inkling that in three years, he would be fielding Mr. Senthilbalaji, who quit TTV Dhinakaran's Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam after a short stint, on DMK ticket in the very same constituency. Mr Senthilbalaji quickly became proximate to Mr. Stalin and his family members. Party veterans grudgingly watched the Chief Minister overlook seniors and allocate the Electricity, Excise and Prohibition portfolios, deemed as "cash cows", to him in 2021.

Central to DMK plans

He also became central to the DMK's plans of wresting control of the Coimbatore region from the AIADMK. He delivered results in the urban local body polls but ruffled feathers of local leaders of the DMK and its allies with his one-upmanship.

As a Minister, Mr. Senthilbalaji preferred to set the rules of his game. Early on, bar owners protested outside his bungalow, accusing him of irregularities in awarding of tenders to run bars. Former Finance Minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan flagged that the leakage of revenue from liquor/excise was up to 50%. Last month, a hooch tragedy took many lives; besides two persons died after consuming liquor from an official outlet. Yet, perhaps due to his political utility outweighing his liability, he remained undisturbed.

Silently, Mr. Senthilbalaji worked out a "compromise" in the "cash for jobs" scam and got the Madras High Court's endorsement. However, the Supreme Court last year overturned this arrangement between the "bribe giver" and the "bribe taker". A month ago, the Supreme Court allowed the police to proceed with the investigation and vacated a stay on the ED proceedings in the money laundering case.

ED officials stormed into his official chamber in the Secretariat and house, close on the heels of Home Minister Amit Shah's political visit to Tamil Nadu. His arrest in the early hours after a full day's grilling and subsequent hospitalisation have turned him into an "anti-hero" of sorts.

Mr. Stalin and his allies have rallied behind him and turned the tables on the Union government, accusing it of using Central agencies to intimidate political opponents. The Chief Minister has retained him as a Minister without portfolio.

As he awaits an early coronary artery bypass graft surgery, the ED, armed with an order for his custodial interrogation, is also waiting.

Fight for land and identity

Kukis

The hill tribe's traditional migratory patterns and engagement in shifting agriculture have played out in conflicts within Manipur's complex hill-valley divide

Diksha Munjal

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In 1870, Captain T.H. Lewin, the Deputy Commissioner of the Chittagong Hill Tracts at the time, described the Kukis as a "powerful and independent" people who "touch the borders" of the Hill Tracts. "They extended in numberless hordes North and Northeast until they reach Cachar (Assam) on one hand and the frontiers of Burma on the other," the official wrote of the Kukis in his account. The records point to the traditional Kuki patterns of moving through large tracts of land as land ownership was passed on only to the eldest son of the village chief, leading to expansion, dispersion, and formation of new pastures by other men in the family.

The Kukis are an ethnic group including multiple tribes originally inhabiting the Northeastern States of India, including Manipur, Mizoram and Assam; parts of Burma (now Myanmar), and Bangladesh.

Zooming out into the present, when the State of Manipur has been the epicentre of widespread communal clashes since May 3, non-tribal Meitei organisations have described Kuki tribes as "foreigners" and "illegal immigrants". They are holding Kuki-Zomi groups responsible for the ethnic clashes that have claimed more than 120 lives and displaced more than 50,000 people. The Kuki-Zomi groups have denied the allegations, insisting the tribal communities have been systematically targeted for ethnic cleansing. They accuse BJP leader N. Biren Singh's Government of treating them as "outsiders".

A look at the ethnic background of the Kukis reveals that the Kuki-Zomi-Mizo-Chin people migrated from inner Asia or mainland China. Interestingly, multiple Anthropologists, including Edmund Leach, trace to China, the origins of the other two prominent communities in Manipur (Nagas and Meiteis), both having had their share of conflicts with the Kukis. Another British officer Col. W. McCulloh has argued that linguistically too, Kukis and Meiteis have commonalities of origin.

Yet today, with sharpened ethnic differences, all three groups are vying for exclusivity, land, and political representation. This can in part be traced back to the fact that the concretisation of tribal identities and nomenclatures in the region happened during the time of the British.

Settlement patterns

Over time, the ethnic communities forged through generations adopted their own, often conflicting, patterns of settlement, livelihoods, and land ownership – with the Nagas engaging in territorial agriculture in the hills, the Kukis engaging in shifting or Jhum cultivation resulting in their expansion through the forested tracts, and the Meiteis choosing to live in the cultivated valley area. It was these seemingly expansionist patterns of land ownership and cultivation that put the Kukis at odds with the other two communities. Land and cultivation patterns are also behind the current conflict as the Kuki-Zomis are opposing the surveys and evictions being conducted by the administration to categorise more areas as reserved forests, while the state government also cracks down on poppy cultivation by the tribes.

Besides, it is true that the Kukis and their strong kinship patterns have often resulted in the tribe giving shelter to their extended kin from the other side of the border as seen this time in the case of Myanmar Kukis entering the State in the wake of the junta takeover of 2021.

Another trigger for the current clashes was the longstanding and apparent divide between the hills and the valley region of Manipur. The valley, which comprises about 10% of Manipur's landmass, is dominated by the non-tribal Meitei who account for more than 64% of the State's population and yields 40 of the State's 60 MLAs. The hills comprising 90% of the geographical area are inhabited by more than 35% recognised tribes but send only 20 MLAs to the Assembly. While most of the Meiteis are Hindu or Sanamahi and a minority is Muslim, the Naga and Kuki-Zomi clans mostly follow Christianity.

Those living in hilly regions have relatively poor access to basic facilities, are poorly represented in public sector jobs, and very few of them work in industries. Meanwhile, the Meiteis, who are strapped for land in the valley want the right to buy land in the hills just like tribes can do in the valley.

INBRIEF

Need to upgrade skills of property brokers: FICCI-JLL

Industry body FICCI and real estate consultant JLL India have pitched for formal training and certification courses for property brokers to upgrade their skills to enable them to help clients in taking informed decisions. FICCI and JLL India have come out with a white paper '(Re)Shaping Real Estate Professionals', which highlighted that real estate agent registrations across the country under the RERA law grew to 71,514 in January 2023, from 33,270 in January 2019. PTI

Japan to open up Google- and Apple-led apps to competition

Japan plans to stoke competition in smartphone app payments, dominated by Apple and Google, by banning major app store operators from forcing software developers to use the operators' own payment systems, a government panel said. The final report by the panel, released on Friday, also said major suppliers of smartphone operating systems (OS) should be obliged to offer users alternative ways to obtain apps in a secure manner other than their own app stores. REUTERS

CFM says redesigning some LEAP jet engine parts

French-American jet engine maker CFM International said on Saturday it was redesigning some parts of its LEAP engine to improve durability in harsh climates, to be available for retrofit on Airbus and Boeing jets next year. It is the latest example of increased stress in climates such as West Asia and India, which has exacerbated a logjam in maintenance capacity caused by post-COVID labour shortages, notably for CFM's rival Pratt & Whitney. REUTERS

Textile and apparel exports declined 12.2% in May amid weak demand

May's contraction in apparel exports outpace the year-on-year decline in textile shipments; senior industry official cites sluggish demand in key markets including the U.S., U.K. and Germany on account of high inflation and inventory pile-up

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

Textiles and apparel exports registered a 12.2% decline in May as the industry continued to face low demand in its key overseas markets including the U.S..

Textile exports shrank 11.8% from the year-earlier period and apparel exports contracted 12.7%. Overseas shipments of jute products slumped 29.3%, while exports of handicrafts and handmade carpets contracted 21.1%.

Losing the thread

Textile and apparel exports shrank for the third straight month, data with the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry show

- Textile and apparel exports last month were worth $2.82 billion, compared with $3.21 billion in May 2022
- Exports of textiles and apparel shrank 19.3% in March and 21.7% in April
- Shipments of jute products fell 29.3% in May, exports of handicrafts and handmade carpets shrank 21.1%

India's textile and apparel exports last month were worth $2,816 million (as against $3,206 million in May 2022) and its share in all commodity exports declined to 8.05%, from 8.22% a year earlier.

The continuing decline in export of textiles and apparels was a matter of deep concern, said Siddhartha Rajagopal, Executive Director of Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council.

Exports of textiles and apparel shrank 19.3% in March and 21.7% in April, according to data with the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry.

'Inflation, inventory'

"The main reason is the sluggish demand in major importing countries including the U.S., Germany, and the U.K. on account of inflation and also piled up inventory," he observed.

"However, reports from the trade suggest that going forward, the situation is improving as exporters are slowly but steadily getting orders for supply of merchandise. With China also opening up after COVID there are expectations of good business opportunities especially for yarn and fabrics. Domestic cotton prices are also moderating giving hopes of higher sales from July/ August," Mr. Rajagopal added.

Daimler to ramp up production capacity in 2 phases, says CEO

N. Anand
CHENNAI

German truck and bus maker Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV) is planning to ramp up production capacity in two phases as the Oragadam plant near Chennai is operating in full swing, said MD & CEO Satyakam Arya.

"Currently, both production lines are operating at 100% capacity in two shifts," he said during an interaction.

"We are producing 36,000 vehicles per annum against the annual installed capacity of 72,000 units," he added.

Over the next few months, production capacity will be increased by 39% to 50,000 units by debottlenecking the production line and ramping up supply chain. "This will not lead to any major capex," Mr. Arya said.

"The enhanced capacity will be sufficient for us until 2025. Thereafter, we will take a call depending on the market growth rate," he added. During CY2022, Daimler India posted 37% growth in revenue and 25% increase in sales volumes.

Mr. Arya said the medium and heavy commercial vehicles (M&HCV) segment saw a peak in 2018, with sales of 3.8 lakh units.

In 2020, this came down to 1 lakh units and recovered to 2.4 lakh units in 2021 and 2.8 lakh units in 2022, respectively.

"This year, we expect the market to hit 3.3 lakh units," he said.

'Indian auto consumers keener on innovative mobility solutions'

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

India has been clearly showing greater interest in adopting innovative mobility options as compared with its global peers, according to Capgemini.

In response to this growing trend, the French technology major said it was currently helping automakers in the country to orchestrate a wide array of technological initiatives from software-driven transformations to sustainable mobility and autonomous driving and more.

Consumers in the country had been showing eagerness in connected, alternate energy and autonomous vehicles, and these trends were quite evident in a recent survey by Capgemini, Nisheeth Srivastava, Chief Technology and Innovation Officer, Capgemini in India said.

According to him, there are many key innovations that Capgemini had developed in India such as 'digital twins' to simulate vehicle design process, vehicle testing, manufacturing, sales, customer experience and service.

ONGC chief sees Russian oil making up 30% of India's imports this year: Interfax

Reuters

Russia may account for almost a third of India's oil imports by the end of the current financial year, Arun Kumar Singh, the head of Oil and Natural Gas Corp Ltd. was cited as saying on Saturday by Russian news agency Interfax.

"The share of Russian oil imports, which was less than 2% in 2021/2022, has increased 10-fold to 20% in the oil import basket," Mr. Singh was quoted as saying at a St. Petersburg International Economic Forum panel.

The level may reach 30% by the end of the 2023/24 year, he added.

"Then, guaranteed trade between the two countries will grow even stronger and Russia will have a major role to play in ensuring India's energy security."

Russia has been redirecting its energy supplies from Western nations, which have imposed restrictions and sanctions on trade with Moscow, including an oil price cap, after its invasion of Ukraine. China and India purchase most of the re-routed Russian energy.

Russian oil imports by India, the world's No. 3 crude importer, hit an all-time high in May as buyers gorged on discounted supplies, reducing demand for oil from West Asia and Africa, initial assessments from ship trackers show.

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RIDING ROUGHSHOD

Bangladesh trounces Afghanistan for a massive victory

Bangladesh beat Afghanistan by 546 runs on Saturday to record its biggest ever Test win in terms of runs in Mirpur. This was the third biggest victory in Test history in terms of runs. Taskin Ahmed took a career best four for 37 as Afghanistan was dismissed for 115.
The scores: Bangladesh 382 & 425/4 decl. bt Afghanistan 146 & 115.

FAIRYTALE ENDS

Harmeet's dream run in WTT comes to a halt in the semifinals

Harmeet Desai's fine run in the World Table Tennis (WTT) Lagos ended in the semifinals when he lost to third seed Dimitrij Ovtcharov of Germany 7-11, 6-11, 9-11 on Saturday. Earlier in the day, Harmeet had packed off World No. 26 Peng Xiang of China 11-7, 5-11, 12-7, 11-1 in the last-eight stage.

THE FASTEST

Hamilton clocks the best time in second practice of Canadian GP

Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton posted the fastest time in an extended second practice session of the Canadian GP in Montreal on Friday as rain and a technical glitch kept the Red Bulls off the top of the time sheets. Hamilton clocked a best lap of 1m, 13.718s. Right behind him was his Mercedes teammate George Russell, just 0.027s back.

COMPATRIOT CHALLENGE

Boulter and Burrage in first all-British WTA final since 1977

Katie Boulter, *in pic.*, and Jodie Burrage on Saturday set up the first all-British final on the WTA Tour in 46 years at the Nottingham grass court tennis tournament. Boulter defeated compatriot Heather Watson 6-4, 7-5 before 131st-ranked Burrage clinched a 7-5, 7-5 win over France's former top-20 player Alize Cornet.

Khawaja revives Australia's fortunes with unbeaten ton

Head and Carey chip in with half-centuries as the visitors reach 311 for five at close on the second day

THE ASHES

Associated Press
BIRMINGHAM

Opener Usman Khawaja raced away in delight and threw his bat high in the air after scoring his first Test century in England as Australia reached 311 for five on day two of the Ashes at Edgbaston on Saturday.

Australia's deficit was down to 82 runs after Khawaja revived Australia's fortunes with an unbeaten 126. Wicketkeeper Alex Carey gave strong support with 52 not out in a partnership worth 91 runs.

One more strong session from Khawaja and Carey on Sunday, when showers are expected, will give Australia a clear advantage for the first time in the match, while a quick wicket for England would expose a long tail.

The Australians will have enjoyed the day more than England. The visitors looked in trouble after the morning dismissals of top-ranked test batter Marnus Labuschagne for a golden duck and second-ranked Steve Smith for 16.

Khawaja's 15th Test hundred helped to turn things round. He anchored the innings with style and occasional aggression, hitting 14 fours and two sixes.

Three wickets down in the morning, Australia dug in after lunch. Khawaja and Travis Head added 81.

Head plundered Moeen Ali in particular, though the England spinner had the last say by ending the partnership.

Khawaja and Head, the third-ranked Test batter, sprayed the ball above, between and over England's fielders to give the hosts a taste of their own 'Bazball' medicine.

The pair came together at 67 for three and took Australia to 148, increasing the run rate by around a run an over mostly at Moeen's expense, until Head, on 50, advanced once too often against the spinner to send the ball to Zak Crawley at midwicket.

After dismissing Head, Moeen deserved all-rounder Cameron Green's wicket two balls later but Jonny Bairstow spilled a clear stumping chance. Moeen did eventually get Green for 38 with a delivery that spun back sharply.

Steady hand: Khawaja's 15th Test hundred bailed the Aussies out from a spot of bother. GETTY IMAGES

SCOREBOARD

England — 1st innings: 393 for eight decl. in 78 overs.
Australia — 1st innings: David Warner b Broad 9, Usman Khawaja (batting) 126, Marnus Labuschagne c Bairstow b Broad 0, Steve Smith lbw b Stokes 16, Travis Head c Crawley b Moeen 50, Cameron Green b Moeen 38, Alex Carey (batting) 52; Extras (lb-6, w-1, nb-13): 20; Total (for five wkts. in 94 overs): 311.
Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-29, 3-67, 4-148, 5-220.
England bowling: Broad 16-3-49-2, Robinson 17-3-49-0, Anderson 15-5-30-0, Brook 3-1-5-0, Moeen 29-4-124-2, Stokes 7-0-33-1, Root 7-3-15-0.

Great going: Satwiksairaj, left, and Chirag sealed a maiden Super-1000 final berth. AP

Satwiksairaj-Chirag storm into the final; Prannoy exits

INDONESIA OPEN

Press Trust of India
JAKARTA

The Indian men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty advanced to the final, but it was curtains for H.S. Prannoy in men's singles semifinals of the Indonesia Open World Tour Super 1000 badminton tournament here on Saturday. Satwik and Chirag, seeded seventh, defeated unseeded Min Hyuk Kang and Seung Jae Seo of Korea 17-21, 21-19, 21-18 to seal a maiden Super-1000 final berth.

However, Prannoy failed to rise to the occasion against top seed Viktor Axelsen of Denmark, going down 21-15, 21-15.

The men's doubles contest began on an even keel before the Korean pair surged 6-3 ahead. Satwik and Chirag were forced to play the catch-up game once they conceded the lead. The Indians used their aggressive play to reduce the margin to 15-19 and then 17-20 before Kang and Seo kept their composure to pocket the first game, courtesy an unforced error.

The Indian duo took an early 6-3 lead before racing to 11-4 with a flurry of fast-paced shots and body smashes in the second game. The decider went neck and neck till the first five points before Satwik and Chirag pocketed seven straight points to race ahead 12-5.

The Koreans tried hard to bounce back, but Satwik and Chirag stepped it up and closed out the game and the match.

India draws 1-1 with Vietnam in AFC U-17 Asian Cup

Press Trust of India
PATHUM THANI (THAILAND)

Malemnganba Thokchom netted the equaliser for India in its 1-1 draw against Vietnam in the opening Group D match of the AFC U-17 Asian Cup football here on Saturday.

Vietnam took the lead towards the end of the first-half, courtesy Long Vu's strike. However, Thokchom helped India restore parity in the 69th minute.

India teams for Asian mixed doubles squash

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

The pair of Harinderpal Singh Sandhu and Dipika Pallikal-Karthik and the duo of Abhay Singh and Anahat Singh will represent India in the first Asian mixed doubles squash championships in Hangzhou from June 26 to 30.

Trials were held for the Hangzhou Asian Games and the following players were selected.

Team for Asian Games: Men: Saurav Ghosal, Abhay Singh, Mahesh Mangaonkar, Harinderpal Singh Sandhu. **Women:** Joshna Chinappa, Dipika Pallikal-Karthik, Anahat Singh and Tanvi Khanna.

Tejaswin battles a bleeding nose and testing conditions to triumph

ATHLETICS

Y.B. Sarangi
BHUBANESWAR

Tejaswin Shankar overcame a bleeding nose and an unstable ankle in testing conditions over two days to achieve the Asian Games qualifying mark and win the decathlon gold medal in the National inter-State athletics championships at the Kalinga Stadium here on Saturday.

He relied on his good showing in his pet event (high jump), clearing 2.20m on day one, and pole vault, achieving 4m while being guided by National record holder Siva Subramani, on day two to gather 7576 points, including a fine second day effort that fetched him 3367 points.

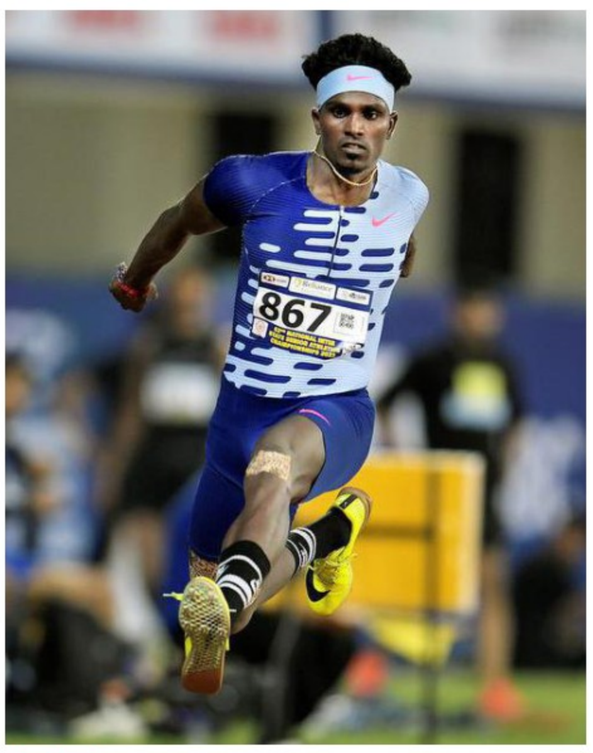
"This win belongs to all my co-competitors who pushed me and supported me throughout the event, including the last 1500m race," said Tejaswin.

Swapna Barman, whose participation in the Asian championships was in doubt like Tejaswin, won the heptathlon event with 5918 points and earned Asian Games qualification.

In men's triple jump, Praveen Chithravel leapt 17.07m to win the gold and lead a pack of three athletes who breached the qualifying mark. Karnataka's Akhilesh injured his right leg during the event.

Jyothi Yarraji equaled her own meet record in the morning and then dipped below it in the final to win the 100m hurdles with 12.92.

Pavithra Venkatesh did 4.10m in the women's pole vault to earn the Hangzhou Games mark.



Leap to glory: Praveen Chithravel led a pack of three athletes who breached the qualifying mark in men's triple jump. RITU RAJ KONWAR

The results (finals):
Men: 110mH (WC QM: 13.28s, AG QM: 13.57s): 1. Tejas Shirse (Mah) 13.87, 2. Sachin Binu (Ker) 13.99, 3. Ronald Babu (MP) 14.24; **Triple jump (17.20m, 16.60m):** 1. Praveen Chithravel (TN) 17.07m, 2. Abdulla Aboobacker (Ker) 16.88m, 3. Eldhose Paul (Ker) 16.75m; **Hammer (78.00m, 71.10m):** 1. Taranveer Singh Bains (Pun) 68.07m, 2. Nitesh Poonia (Raj) 67.10m, 3. Damneet Singh (Pun) 65.86m.
High jump (2.32m, 2.24m): 1. Sarvesh Kushare (Mah) 2.24m, 2. Jesse Sandesh (Kar) 2.24m, 3. Bharathi Viswanathan (TN) 2.17m; **Decathlon (8460 points, 7500):** 1. Tejaswin Shankar (Del) 7576, 2. Yaman Deep Sharma (Raj) 7165, 3. Gokul S. (Ker) 6937; **4x100m Relay (AG QM: 39.00s):** 1. Tamil Nadu 40.15, 2. Odisha 40.24, 3. Punjab 41.05.
Women: 100mH (12.78s, 13.63s): 1. Jyothi Yarraji (AP) 12.92 (NMR, Old 13.39, Jyothi, 2022), 2. Nithya R. (TN) 13.48, 3. Agasara Nandini (Tel) 13.55.
Pole vault (4.71m, 4.10m): 1. Pavithra Venkatesh (TN) 4.10m (NMR, Old 4.00m, Khyati Vakharia, 2018), 2. Sindhushree G. (Kar) 3.80m, 3. Vanshika Ghanghas (Har) 3.40m; **Heptathlon (6480, 5654):** 1. Swapna Barman (MP) 5918, 2. Agasara Nandini (Tel) 5703, 3. Sowmiya Murugan (AP) 5323; **4x100m Relay (AG QM: 44.50s):** 1. Kerala 46.35, 2. Andhra Pradesh 46.61, 3. Odisha 46.68.

Egypt expectedly defends title with thumping victory over Malaysia

SQUASH WORLD CUP

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

Expectedly and deservedly, Egypt, the top seed, bagged the SDAT-WSF Squash World Cup at the Express Avenue Mall here on Saturday, with a thumping 4-1 win on points over Malaysia, seeded fourth, in the final. Egypt had won the World Cup when it was last held here in 2011.

Malaysia was brimming with confidence especially after the upset victory over host India the other day, but the defending champion came roaring back after losing the first match to win the remaining two.

The first tie went in favour of Malaysia with the left-hander Xin Ying Yee, ranked 79 in the world, putting it across Kenzy Ayman, ranked 56, in three straight games.

With a huge backswing, the Malaysian generated a lot of power and speed in her strokes and at times, was cunning with her delicate drops and double boast. Kenzy found it difficult to read Yee's game properly.

Down a match, it was left to top seed Aly Abou El Einen to level things and he delivered in style, defeating an energetic Darren Pragasam in three straight games.

After a sensational game against India's Saurav Ghosal on Friday, much was expected from the Malaysian, but Abou played a notch higher.

Positives

There were a few positives from Darren, especially his backhand drops from the backcourt and his impressive court-craft. Abou, however, remained largely in control of the rallies. The turning point for Egypt emerged in the second game.

At 6-6, Darren hit what looked like a clean backhand down-the-line winner. Abou fell claiming that he was inadvertently hit on the face by Darren's racquet. The Egyptian took an injury time-out and returned to win the second and third game, the match and the tie.

The lone hope for Malaysia was 18-year-old Aira Azman, who took on Fayrouz Abukhdeir in the third match. Surprisingly, she looked deflated and not motivated enough especially in the first two games. She fought hard to win the third game, but Fayrouz appeared determined to close out the game and the match.

Mohamed Elkeiy, Egyptian coach said the key was the team's meticulous planning and execution. "We beat them 3-1 in the group match. We knew it was going to be a fight. We were ready to win some matches that we lost earlier," he said.

Later, M.K. Stalin, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, gave away the prizes.

On a high: The Egyptian team receives the winner's trophy from Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin. Also seen is WSF president Zena Wooldridge, right. M. VEDHAN

The result:
Egypt bt Malaysia (4-1 on points) (Kenzy Ayman lost to Xin Ying Yee 4-7, 5-7, 6-7; Aly Abou El Einen bt Darren Pragasam 7-3, 7-6, 7-4; Fayrouz Abouelkheir bt Aira Azman 7-4, 7-5, 6-7,7-6).

INBRIEF

Dani is first Indian male athlete to bag NCTTA award

Mudit Dani became the first Indian to win the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) Male Athlete of the Year award. The Mumbai-based youngster, who won the award for 2022-23 season had clinched two gold medals to guide his side to a second successive NCTTA National championships title.

Neeraj likely to compete in Lausanne Diamond League

World No. 1 javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, who is recovering from a muscle strain, is likely to return to action for the sixth stage of the Wanda Diamond League in Lausanne on June 30. There has been no official confirmation from the reigning Olympic champion as yet, but the official website of the competition said the Indian will be seen in action in the meet. "In javelin, Neeraj will be challenged by the Czech Jakub Vadlejch and German Julian Weber," the website has stated.

Henry on a roll for Oriental FC

Henry's five-goal performance helped Oriental FC thrash Netaji FC 8-0 in the BDFA C-div. league in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The results: Oriental 8 (Dalton 22, Srikanth 27, Henry 30+1, 42, 45, 47, 51, Ruthvik 55) bt Netaji 0; City Club 3 (Superj 20, 44, Nithin Paul 38) bt National 0; RBI 6 (Gofrey Watson 12, Ronl Roman Mendis 13, 60, Joel Mendis 17, 34, 39) bt Modern Boys 0; Bagalkunte 11 (K. Manoj 4, 20, 27, 54, Diwakar 17, 34, Ankit Kumar Singh 34, 58, Manosh Kumar 37, 41, Md. Ridha 59) bt New Lucky Star FC 0.

LIVE TELECAST

BWF: Indonesia Open, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 10.30 a.m.
Cricket WC 2023 Qualifiers: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 12.30 p.m.
TNPL: Star Sports 3 & FanCode, 3.15 & 7.15 p.m.
The Ashes: 1st Test, day 3, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 p.m.
Intercontinental Cup Final: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7.30 p.m.
PHL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7 & 8.30 p.m.
FIH Pro League: SS Select 1 & 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 p.m.
Formula One: Canadian GP, F1 TV & FI TV Pro App, 11.30 p.m.

A young Lebanon side stands between India and the title

The host will look to regain its winning rhythm in the Intercontinental Cup summit clash, which will be the first test of its Asian Cup aspirations

FOOTBALL

Amitabha Das Sharma
BHUBANESWAR

The senior Indian men's football team will face the first test of its Asian Cup aspirations, when it takes on a young Lebanon side in the final of the Hero Intercontinental Cup on Sunday.

The title decider will be held here at the Kalinga Stadium, after India topped the league stage with seven points. Lebanon finished second with five points and will challenge India as it looks to regain its winning rhythm after drawing the last league game goalless with the former.

"Things were in our favour in the last match and it could have been a nice win. But it didn't happen, and now we need to continue with our efforts and reach our goal in the final," coach Igor Stimac said ahead of the title fight.

All to play for: India coach Stimac, right, and his rival at Lebanon, Ilic, pose with the ultimate prize. BISWARANJAN ROUT

The draw ended India's winning stretch of seven matches. Stimac said that he hoped to see his team regain the winning touch in the final.

"I would have been worried if we were not creating chances, but that hasn't been the case in the tournament," he said. "Our boys are playing with great faith, and we need to keep supporting them so that they keep rising," added Stimac.

Lebanon's Serbian coach Aleksandar Ilic said it would be a great achievement if his team is able to turn the tables on India. "The majority of our squad is young and does not have a lot of international experience at the senior level. I am really proud of my players for making it to the final," Ilic said while ad

ding that his team is eager to make history as Lebanon has not won any tournament in 59 years.

In case the regulation 90 minutes does not see a result, penalty shoot-outs will decide the winner.

England and France post wins

Rising high: Giroud heads in France's opener against Gibraltar. AFP

EURO QUALIFIERS

Associated Press
PARIS

Strikers Olivier Giroud and Harry Kane extended their national team scoring records as France and England maintained perfect starts to European Championship qualifying with third straight wins.

Giroud took only three minutes to head home Kingsley Coman's right-wing cross to make it 54 goals for *Les Bleus* in a 3-0 win at Gibraltar in Group B.

Kane's penalty in a 4-0 romp at Malta made it 56 goals for his table-topping nation in Group C.

Important results: Group B: Gibraltar 0 lost to France 3 (Giroud 3, Mbappe 45+3-pen, Mouelhi 78-og).
Group C: Malta 0 lost to England 4 (Apap 8-og, Alexander-Arnold 28, Kane 31-pen, Wilson 83-pen); North Macedonia 2 (Bardhi 31-pen, Elmas 39) lost to Ukraine 3 (Zabarnyi 62, Konoplia 67, Tsygankov 83).
Group D: Wales 2 (James 10, Wilson 72) lost to Armenia 4 (Zelarayan 19, 75, Ranos 30, 66).
Group H: Finland 2 (Pohjanpalo 13, Antman 64) bt Slovenia 0; Denmark 1 (Wind 47) bt Northern Ireland 0; San Marino 0 lost to Kazakhstan 3 (Vorogovskiy 37, Tagybergen 64-pen, Zainutdinov 90+5). **Group I:** Andorra 1 (Marcio Vieira 67) lost to Switzerland 2 (Freuler 7, Amdouni 32); Belarus 1 (Ebong 16) lost to Israel 2 (Weissman 85-pen, Gloukh 90+2); Kosovo 0 drew with Romania 0.

Bopanna-Ebden pair bows out

Sports Bureau

Top seeds Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden were beaten 7-6(6), 6-7(12), [10-4] in the doubles semi-finals by Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz of Germany in the €795,730 ATP tennis tournament in Stuttgart on Saturday.

Other results:
$80,000 Challenger, Palmas del Mar, Puerto Rico: Doubles (semifinals): Evan King & Reese Stalder (USA) bt Rithvik Choudary & Colin Sinclair (Nmi) 6-7(3), 6-3, [10-2].
$25,000 ITF men, Martos, Spain: Doubles (final): Jaime Faria & Henrique Rocha (Por) bt Ramkumar Ramanathan & Parikshit Somani 6-3, 7-6(3).
$15,000 ITF, Tehran: Doubles (final): Egor Agafonov & Grigoriy Lomakin (Kaz) bt Yash Chaurasia & Ishaque Eqbal 7-5, 6-2.
$15,000 ITF, Jakarta: Doubles (semifinals): Siddhant Banthia & Sai Karteek Reddy bt Kazuma Kawachi & Yuta Kawahashi (Jpn) 6-3, 7-5; Sora Fukuda & Tomohiro Masabayashi (Jpn) bt Nitin Kumar Sinha & Vishnu Vardhan 3-6, 6-1, [10-8].
$60,000 ITF women, Sumter, USA: Quarterfinals: Karman Kaur Thandi bt Grace Min (USA) 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

Rickie Fowler's wild ride gives him a one-shot lead at the US Open

Up and down: Fowler started the second round with three straight birdies before stumbling and then recovering. AP

Associated Press
LOS ANGELES

Rickie Fowler finished off a round that was entertaining even by Hollywood standards, and then walked off the 18th green Friday in the U.S. Open with the lead.

Fowler made only four pars in his round of 2-under 68.

He has 18 birdies through 36 holes, an astounding rate for a U.S. Open, and he needed them all for his first 36-hole lead in a major.

Along the way, he tied the 36-hole scoring record at the U.S. Open.

Fowler led by one shot over Wyndham Clark (67), with Rory McIlroy (67) and Xander Schauffele (70) two shots behind.

The top scores (second round):
130 - Rickie Fowler 62-68; **131** - Wyndham Clark 64-67.
132 - Xander Schauffele 62-70, Rory McIlroy 65-67.
133 - Harris English 67-66; **134** - Dustin Johnson 64-70, Min Woo Lee 69-65.

Jamari, who is in fine nick, may score an encore in main event

BENGALURU: Jamari, who is in fine nick, may score an encore in the Fillies Championship Stakes (1,600m), the first classic of the season to be held here on Sunday (June 18).
There will be no false rails.

1 MEYDAN PLATE (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 6-y-o & over, 1.30 p.m..: 1. Debonair (1) A. Ramu 62, 2. Akasi (7) Chethan K 61.5, 3. Anne Boleyn (3) Kritish Bhagat 60, 4. Jersey Legend (5) Arvind K 59, 5. Konichiwa (8) Hindu S 56.5, 6. Max Mueller (2) S. Saqlain 56.5, 7. Paradise Beckons (6) Rayan 56, 8. Perfect Halo (9) Rajesh K 53 and 9. Star Citizen (4) T.S. Jodha 52.5.
1. MAX MUELLER, 2. ANNE BOLEYN, 3. AKASI

2 MANDYA STAKES (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 2.00: 1. Impiana (4) C. Umesh 60, 2. Caesars Palace (1) Hindu S 58, 3. Double Scotch (6) Akshay K 55, 4. Sian (5) T.S. Jodha 54.5, 5. Solo Prince (10) Arvind K 54.5, 6. Superhero (8) Tousif 54.5, 7. Fearless Joey (3) Ajeeth K 53, 8. The Blissfulelysee (9) Sai Kiran 52, 9. War Trail (7) P. Siddaraju 52.5 and 10. Golden Gallery (2) Vinod Shinde 52.
1. IMPIANA, 2. DOUBLE SCOTCH, 3. FEARLESS JOEY

3 TREASURE GIRL PLATE (Div. II), (1,100m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 2.30: 1. Asagiri (3) Rayan 56, 2. High Tribute (2) Hasib 56, 3. Alice Blue (8) S. Saqlain 54.5, 4. Confidential (7) Hindu S 54.5, 5. Crimson Star (10) Vivek 54.5, 6. Exeter (5) Ajeeth K 54.5, 7. Rochelle (4) K. Nazil 54.5, 8. Sea Eagle (1) Zervan 54.5, 9. Striking Eyes (9) Abhay S 54.5 and 10. Tortilla Chip (6) Santosh Raj 54.5.
1. SEA EAGLE, 2. ALICE BLUE, 3. ASAGIRI

4 STEWARDS CUP (1,400m), rated 60 to 85, 3.00: 1. Rubirosa (11) Inayat 62.5, 2. Last Wish (7) Bhawani S 58, 3. Ashwa Yadhvir (1) Kiran Naidu 57.5, 4. Knight In Hooves (2) M. Prabhakaran 57.5, 5. Savvy Chic (5) K. Nazil 57.5, 6. Emperor Roderic (6) P.S. Chouhan 57, 7. Albinus (3) Hindu S 55.5, 8. Miss Little Angel (4) I. Chisty 55.5, 9. Karanveer (13) Vishal Bunde 55, 10. Amreli (9) Trevor 53, 11. Douglas (8) Salman Khan 53, 12. Royal Grace (12) Afroz Khan 53 and 13. Place Vendome (10) Akshay K 50.5.
1. AMRELI, 2. SAVVY CHIC, 3. EMPEROR RODERIC

5 STAR SUPREME PLATE (1,600m), rated 40 to 65, 3.30: 1. Harvestime (9) P. Tejeshwar 62.5, 2. Prince Abir (6) Shreyas S 61, 3. Ruling Goddess (4) Kritish Bhagat 58, 4. Humanitarian (1) P.S. Chouhan 56.5, 5. Huntingdon (2) S. Saqlain 56, 6. Nikolina (7) R. Girish 55.5, 7. Wild Emperor (5) T.S. Jodha 55.5, 8. Silver Canyon (8) Akshay K 52.5 and 9. Mandela (3) Hindu S 52.
1. SILVER CANYON, 2. HUMANITARIAN, 3. WILD EMPEROR

6 FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES (1,600m), 3-y-o fillies, (Terms), 4.00: 1. Anzac Pipernal (4) S. Saqlain 56, 2. August (11) Antony 56, 3. Auspicious Queen (6) Yash 56, 4. Fast Pace (7) P.S. Chouhan 56, 5. Jamari (10) Trevor 56, 6. Livermore (3) Zervan 56, 7. Meropi (1) Akshay K 56, 8. N R I Doublepower (12) I. Chisty 56, 9. Neziah (5) C. Umesh 56, 10. Sassy (2) Hindu S 56, 11. Something Royal (8) P. Sai Kumar 56 and 12. Waikiki (9) N.S. Parmar 56.
1. JAMARI, 2. MEROPI, 3. FAST PACE

7 TREASURE GIRL PLATE (Div. I), (1,100m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4.30: 1. Alacero (3) Arvind K 56, 2. Clifford (1) Zervan 56, 3. Leather Back (5) Salman Khan 56, 4. Only The Brave (10) Khurshad 56, 5. Alexina (2) Santosh Raj 54.5, 6. Precious (7) Abhay S 54.5, 7. Seeking The Stars (9) Trevor 54.5, 8. She's A Lady (4) P.S. Chouhan 54.5, 9.Truth In Wine (8) Hasib 54.5 and 10. Young Diana (6) Akshay K 54.5.
1. PRECIOUS, 2. CLIFFORD, 3. SEEKING THE STARS

8 PARSIANA PLATE (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 5.00: 1. Wordsmith (7) Kritish Bhagat 61, 2. Balor (9) S. John 60, 3. Inyouwebelieve (3) Trevor 60, 4. Rapidus (5) Akshay K 58.5, 5. Loch Lomond (6) Hindu S 58, 6. Win My Luv (8) Bhawani S 58, 7. Cyrenius (1) P.S. Chouhan 57, 8. Scribbling Hopper (11) Jagadeesh 56.5, 9. Four Wheel Drive (2) T.S. Jodha 55, 10. Southern Power (4) Ajeeth K 53 and 11. Time (10) K. Nazil 50.
1. INYOUWEBELIEVE, 2. RAPIDUS, 3. CYRENIUS
Day's best: **JAMARI**
Double: **IMPIANA - PRECIOUS**
Jkt: 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; Tr (i): 3, 4 and 5; (ii): 6, 7 and 8.

Dedicate claims the Justice P. Medapa Memorial Trophy

BENGALURU: Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar of Chettinad Charitable Trust's Dedicate (Hindu Singh up) won the Justice P. Medapa Memorial Trophy, the feature event of the races held here on Saturday (June 17). The winner is trained by Vijay Singh.
THE RESULTS
1. JUNE PLATE (DIV. II): BELVEDERE (Akshay K) 1, The Golden Dream (M. Naveen) 2, Breeze Bluster (S. Saqlain) 3 and Chinky Pinky (T.S. Jodha) 4. 3/4, 1-3/4 and 1-3/4. 1m 14.01s. ₹32 (w), 10, 15 and 13 (p), SHP: 31, THP: 46, FP: 216, Q: 80, Trinella: 339, Exacta: 608. Favourite: Breeze Bluster.
Owner: Mr. Dayanand Kachuwah. Trainer: Faraz Arshad.
2. KRANJI PLATE (2,000M): RULING DYNASTY (Akshay K) 1, Crown Witness (Yash) 2, Original Sin (Trevor) 3 and Detective (Deepak S) 4. 3/4, 1-1/4 and 4-1/4. 2m 07.01s. ₹16 (w), 11 and 17 (p), SHP: 26, THP: 28, FP: 33, Q: 26, Trinella: 42. Favourite: Ruling Dynasty.
Owner: Mr. K. Kaliyaperumal. Trainer: Prasanna Kumar.
3. MADDUR STAKES: MAROON (S. John) 1, Phoenix Surprise (Arvind K) 2, Double Vision (Vinod Shinde) 3 and Bellissimo (M. Naveen) 4. 4, Snk and 3/4. 1m 27.92s. ₹26 (w), 12, 59 and 43 (p), SHP: 179, THP: 106, FP: 606, Q: 352, Trinella: 62,868, Exacta: 31,395. Favourite: Eastern Sea.
Owner: M/S. Kunal Gupta Stud Farm LLP. Trainer: Prasanna Kumar.
4. ROYAL COMMAND PLATE: FONDNESS OF YOU (Yash) 1, Dynamic Force (G. Vivek) 2, Divo (Zervan) 3 and Eco Friendly (Afsar Khan) 4. 5-1/2, Nose and 1-3/4. 1m 12.52s. ₹35 (w), 15, 15 and 11 (p), SHP: 35, THP: 53, FP: 251, Q: 119, Trinella: 303, Exacta: 5,935. Favourite: Divo.
Owners: So Blest Trading Co Pvt Ltd, Mr. Santhosh. P & Mr. Rajesh Narredu. Trainer: Rajesh Narredu.
5. SIR CECIL CUP: SNOWPIERCER (Trevor) 1, Vyasa (P.S. Chouhan) 2, Star Concept (Yash) 3 and Pneuma (G. Vivek) 4. Not run: Australia. 3-3/4, Nose and 3/4. 1m 38.13s. ₹39 (w), 13, 20 and 17 (p), SHP: 47, THP: 46, FP: 165, Q: 81, Trinella: 724, Exacta: 3,609. Favourite: Mariana.
Owners: Poonawalla Racing & Breeding Pvt Ltd rep. by Mr. Zavaray S. Poonawalla, Mrs. Behroze Z. Poonawalla, Mr. Yohan Z. Poonawalla, Mrs. Michelle Y. Poonawalla, Ms. Delna Z. Poonawalla, Mrs. Simone Poonawalla Pandole, Mr. Rishad N. Pandole & Mr. Atul Ishwardas Chor. Trainer: S. Attaollahi.
6. JUSTICE P. MEDAPA MEMORIAL TROPHY: DEDICATE (Hindu S) 1, Lauterbrunnen (Angad) 2, Slainte (S. Saba) 3 and Splendour On Grass (P. Sai Kumar) 4. 2-1/2, 3/4 and Nk. 1m 12.25s. ₹22 (w), 13, 15 and 30 (p), SHP: 42, THP: 87, FP: 111, Q: 62, Trinella: 1,129, Exacta: 6,508. Favourite: Dedicate.
Owner: Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar of Chettinad Charitable Trust. Trainer: Vijay Singh.
7. JUNE PLATE (DIV. I): ARCHWAY (S. John) 1, Twilight Tornado (Inayat) 2, Defining Power (Rajesh K) 3 and Southern Force (Rayan) 4. Lnk, 2-1/4 and 3-1/2. 1m 12.92s. ₹20 (w), 12, 19 and 18 (p), SHP: 61, THP: 42, FP: 104, Q: 61, Trinella: 551, Exacta: 1,756. Favourite: Archway.
Owners: M/s. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP, Mukteshwar Racing LLP, Mr. Chandrakanth Kankaria & Mr. Haider Soomar. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.
Jackpot: ₹1,938 (43 tkts); Runner up: 517 (69 tkts); Treble (i): 128 (58 tkts); (ii): 434 (39 tkts).

Manish, Rohit shortlisted for Asian Games

Sports Bureau
BHUBANESWAR

World championships bronze medallist boxer Manish Kaushik (63.5kg) and former National champion Rohit Mor came through the trials to make it to the shortlist for Asian Games selection. Manish, who was unwell and could not take part in the trials, defeated Vijay Kumar. Rohit got a walkover from Sachin Siwach, also in 57kgs.

Indian recurve mixed team in bronze medal match

Sports Bureau

The fourth-ranked Indian recurve mixed team, consisting of Bhajan Kaur and Tushar Shelke, moved into the bronze medal match at the Archery World Cup Stage-3 in Medellin, Colombia.

It will meet Chinese Taipei in the bronze medal contest.

In recurve individual events, Bhajan Kaur was the only Indian who did well to reach the quarterfinals, where she was beaten 2-6 by top-ranked Korean Lim Sihyeon.

India, comprising Aditi Swami and Abhishek Verma lost to Puerto Rico 154-157 in the quarterfinals in the compound mixed team event.

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